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Toxic barrels to be removed from Lake Superior

By Ali Draves
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In Wisconsin, the Red Cliff Band is working with the Department of Defense (DOD) to remove waste barrels that lay vacant in their area of Lake Superior.

The Red Cliff Band is a federally recognized tribe and is located in Bayfield County, Wis., according to the Strategic Project Implementation Plan for the Department of Defense document, which was drafted by the DOD and the Red Cliff Band in August 2006.

The Red Cliff Band has approximately 5,000 Native Americans who are primarily descendants from the larger Chipewewa Band also known as the Ojibwe or Anishinabe, according to the document.

A primary concern to the Red Cliff Band is the possible impact of fish contamination, according to the document.

On their shores, there have been numerous findings of missiles and other war debris by commercial fisherman, who have caught these barrels within their nets, according to the document.

Tribal members of the Red Cliff Band have much higher levels of fish consumption than national averages and a possible fish contamination could be lethal. Documented consumption levels have exceeded 1.5 lbs/person/week of fish from Lake Superior, according to the Red Cliff Fish Consumption Study in 2003.

The Red Cliff Band has a strategy to remove the barrels from their lake, with full support from the DOD, according to Red Cliff Environmental Program member Melonee Montano.

The site consists of at least 1,437 barrels of previously classified waste scattered over a 25 square mile area in Western Lake Superior, according to the document. Some of these barrels are intact and near the original dumping locations, while others have drifted into Wisconsin waters.

"The ultimate goal of the Red Cliff Tribe is to see all DOD contaminants removed," said Montano. "We plan on skipping

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Boys participate in a march to mark World AIDS Day in Bogota, Colombia.

Roses lay next to names of loved ones lost to AIDS at memorial in San Francisco.



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Residents stick red ribbons onto balloons during activity against AIDS in Hefei, capital city of east China's Anhui province.



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World AIDS Day

By Erin Minor
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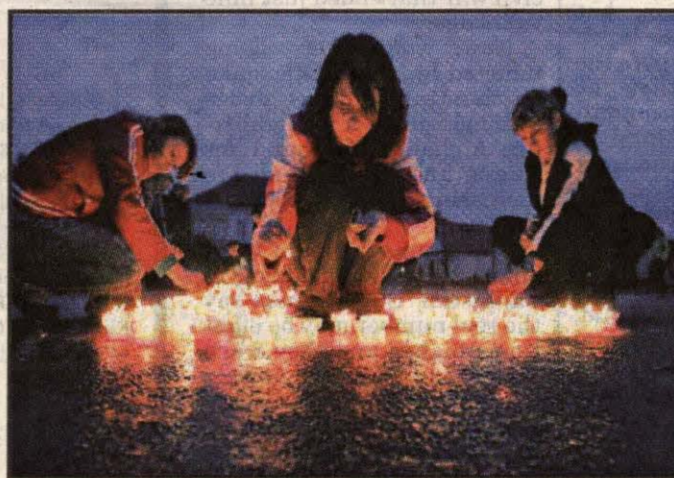
In recognition of World AIDS day, the College of Pharmacy in Duluth sponsored an HIV positive patient to speak on campus last Friday.

Jamie Kutasevich, age 28, gave her experience of an HIV positive patient in the Duluth area and living with the disease. She has had good and bad experiences, ranging from family and friends' support to mistreatment at hospitals. She's a very positive young woman, not letting her situation stop her from having a good life.

"It was not a death sentence. It was a wake up call," Kutasevich said when she found out she was HIV positive at age 16. "HIV will not kill me; I will kill it. I will live."

This positive attitude also shows her emphasis on educating people about AIDS and HIV. Several times in her speech, she emphasized the importance of getting tested if you think you are at risk

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Young Belarusians light candles in remembrance of AIDS victims in the town of Volozhin northwest of Minsk, Belarus.

NEWS NOW

PRESIDENTS ARE 'IN THE MONEY'

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — College presidents in Minnesota **State** have seen hefty pay raises since the late 1990s. In some cases salaries have doubled, while the cost of tuition continues to climb.

Higher education officials say the high salaries are necessary to reflect the rising market values of university presidents and the increasing responsibilities of the job.

But with some salaries hovering around a half million dollars, some critics aren't so sure.

For example, according to data collected by the Chronicle of Higher Education periodical and the Star Tribune, the salary of University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks jumped from \$390,000 to \$537,821 in just two years.

Minnesota college officials say the job of a college president has gotten a lot tougher. They have to do more fundraising and public relations work, as well as schmooze with potential benefactors and legislators.

The pool of applicants has also gotten smaller.

When the data is compared nationally, annual compensation for most Minnesota college and university presidents is about average.

University of Minnesota's Bruininks was listed as getting \$537,821 for the 2006-07 year, according to Chronicle data, ranking him 33rd out of 183 public institution salaries and benefits examined.

"I think most students would say it's a ridiculous amount of money," said Monica Heth, vice president of the Minnesota Student Association and a University of Minnesota senior. "But, at the same time, we don't really know what he does on a day-by-day basis... I do see how the president's job has changed from the past. As schools become more prestigious, there's more for the president to do and be accountable for."

BOY ABDUCTION RULED A HOAX

GADSDEN, Ala. (AP) — A mother's report that her 5-year-old son **Nation** was asleep in the back of a car when it was stolen was a hoax, and she and her boyfriend were being held as suspects in the boy's death, authorities said Tuesday.

The body of Geontae Glass and the car that was reported stolen Monday morning were found Tuesday in a closed garage at a house in rural Etowah County, Sheriff James Hayes said.

Police were holding Shalinda Glass, 25, of Rainbow City, and Kevin Andre Towles, who is believed to own the house where the body was found, Hayes said.

The sheriff said they would be charged with murder.

The mother had reported Monday morning that her car was stolen with her son asleep in the back seat in the parking lot of a convenience store in Albertville in neighboring Marshall County, about 80 miles northeast of Birmingham.

Witnesses reported seeing a man get out of a pickup truck and get into the vehicle, then drive away while someone else drove off in the pickup truck.

It was not immediately clear if the boy was dead at the time the car was driven off in Albertville. Authorities at a midmorning news conference in Gadsden said a cause of death was still being determined.

Authorities were trying to determine jurisdiction, but believed the child was killed in Etowah County, where the mother lives, and that the alleged cover-up was committed in neighboring Marshall County, where the car theft was reported.

Towles was believed to be the "main player" in the boy's death, Hayes said in an interview. Authorities weren't sure what happened, he said, but Towles has a criminal record and appeared to be "an abusive boyfriend of the mother."

Police issued an Amber Alert after the abduction report.

SKY COLLISION CREATES HAVOC

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — A court said Tuesday it had released the passports of two U.S. pilots of a private jet involved in a collision with a Boeing 737 over the Amazon that killed 154 people.

The Federal Regional Court of the First Region of Brasilia said that it unanimously agreed to return the passports of Joseph Lepore, 42, of Bay Shore, N.Y., and Jan Paladino, 34, of Westhampton Beach, N.Y.

They can pick up their passports in 72 hours and leave Brazil, but must agree to return to Brazil for further inquiry and judicial action, the court said on its Web site.

The Americans were piloting a Brazilian-made Legacy executive jet when it collided Sept. 29 with a Gol Airlines Boeing 737-800. All 154 people on board the Gol flight were killed, while the none of the seven people on board the Legacy were injured.

DRUGS COMMON IN TAJIKISTAN

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan (AP) — Central Asia's poorest country is also one of the world's leading transit routes for heroin, opium and other drugs from Afghanistan. Sergei Makhkamov has been caught in the flood.

This mountainous nation already was scarred by a civil war that ended just nine years ago.

Now, wounds are being inflicted by a dramatic spike in the trafficking of drugs coming out of neighboring Afghanistan, bound for Russia and Europe, and are increasingly being used by Tajiks.

Makhkamov is one of 7,600 officially registered addicts in Tajikistan. But activists say the real number may be eight times higher and they warn that rising addiction and its related crime and disease are draining limited social resources in this desperately poor country.

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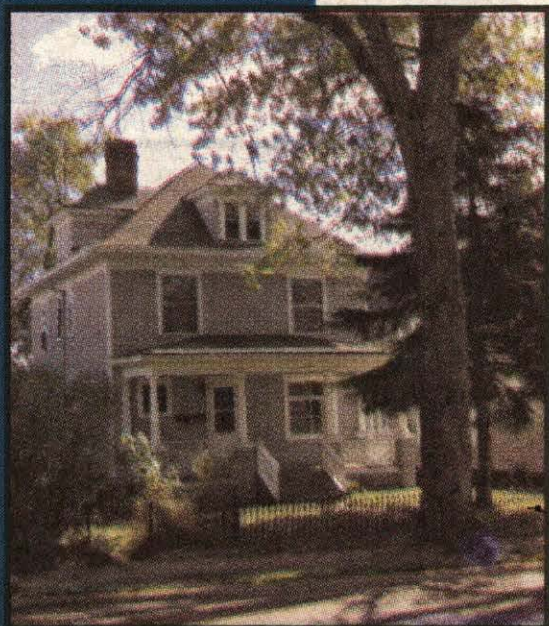
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KUMD radio voted 'most listened to'

By Melissa Schmidt
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KUMD 103.3 FM was recently voted "Most Listened to Radio Station" by a recent poll in Weekly Reader, a Twin Ports area arts and politics newspaper.

Even though KUMD has received this honor on eight separate occasions, according to the UMD website, many students at UMD aren't aware that there's a radio station offering everything from live music to talk radio down on the first floor of Humanities.

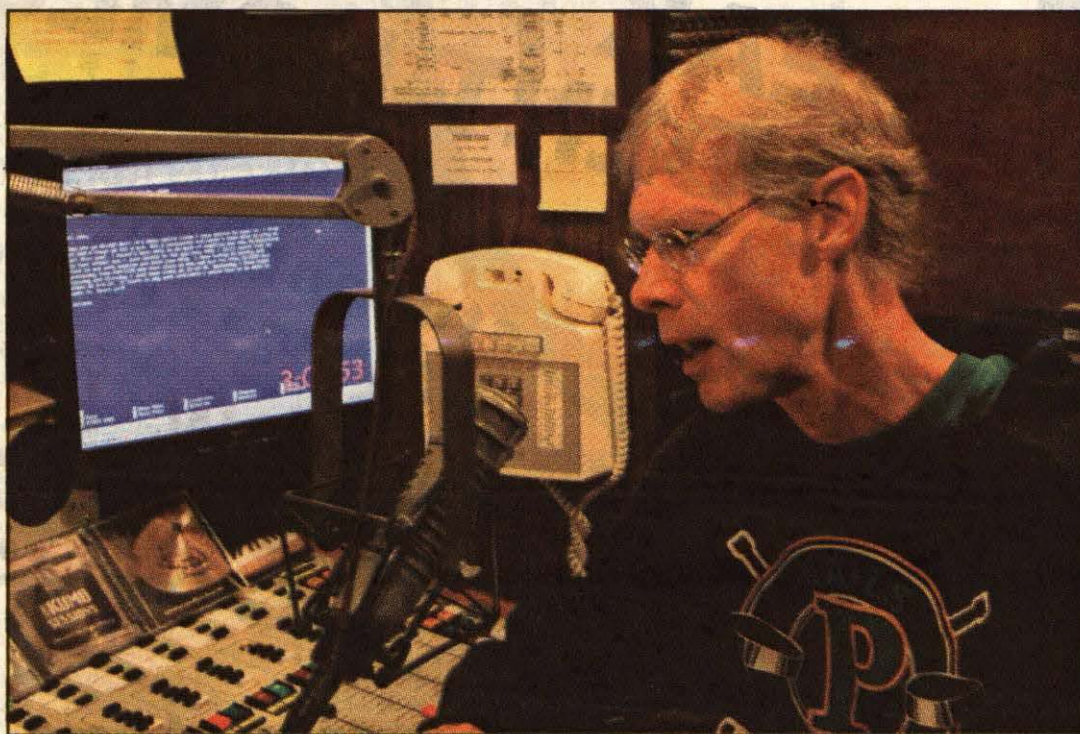
"It (KUMD) exposes them to new, great music and helps support independent artists that they might not have discovered otherwise," said Maria Johnson, music director for KUMD. "Whatever you're into, we probably have a show that plays something you'll like."

Some students choose not to listen to KUMD because it is very different from other radio stations in the area, said Johnson.

However, this is exactly what makes the station appealing to college students, senior citizens and everyone in between, Johnson said.

"A lot of students don't even know UMD has a college radio station, let alone what the call numbers are," said Johnson.

KUMD offers "live" sessions with local musicians, which then are compiled into



John Ziegler is program and music director at the UMD campus radio station KUMD 103.3 FM.

CDs and sold at businesses in the area. Their most recent compilation disc was voted "Favorite Locally Produced Record" in the Weekly Reader poll, according to John Ziegler, program and music director at KUMD.

Ziegler was voted "Best 'On Air' Personality" in the same poll, with demographics ranging from high school students to senior citizens. He produced the "live" in-studio sessions, totaling

about 3,300 so far, he said. He was pleased at receiving this honor and said that he simply hopes the people who voted for him enjoy his work in the studio.

"I interact well with musicians, speak their language and have a good rapport with just about everyone that comes through the door," Ziegler said. "I think this is why people may have singled me out in this and previous polls."

This was his fourth consecutive time receiving the "Best 'On Air' Personality" title.

KUMD is also celebrating its 50th anniversary this spring, and the station is planning a special celebration.

"I think I heard the word 'gala' once," said Johnson.

Ziegler hopes to welcome KUMD alumni back for the celebration that may include a concert at the DECC, dinner, a "live" session from the

Marshall Performing Arts Center, an open house and more.

"If anyone reading this was involved with KUMD in any way over the last 50 years, they are encouraged to get in touch through our website (www.kumd.org)," said Ziegler.

More details on this celebration will be on the KUMD website as the event approaches.

As KUMD prepares for another 50 years of broadcasting, students are invited to be a part of the station.

"They are encouraged to participate as listeners or actually come in and get involved," said Ziegler. "We already have many students as listeners and staffers, but we want to spread the word."

Ziegler had a final piece of advice especially for students who are hesitant to check out KUMD.

"If you want to hear the same old tunes, you probably wouldn't like KUMD," said Ziegler. "But, if you're one of those people who is always looking to hear new stuff, to expand your musical horizons and to be challenged, then you're missing out if you're not checking out KUMD at 103.3 FM."

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Federal reserve may lower interest rates

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street rallied for a second straight session Tuesday after easing wage pressures and stronger-than-expected service sector activity raised prospects that the economy could cool gradually and leave room for the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates next year.

Investors applauded Labor Department figures showing wages and benefits increased at a much slower pace in the third quarter than had been estimated. Recent concerns about inflation have eroded some hopes that the Federal Reserve would start lowering interest rates next year. The central bank has said inflation remains its primary concern.

Meanwhile, the Institute for Supply Management, a trade group, found activity

in the nation's services sector rose at a faster rate in November, giving a further boost to investor sentiment. An index reading of 58.9 was above the 55.5 that had been expected and the 57.1 seen in October.

"Certainly that ISM number was a nice surprise to the upside but for me the numbers that were more important were the unit labor costs and the productivity number from the Labor Department," said Scott Wren, senior equity strategist for A.G. Edwards & Sons.

"You're not getting as big a kicker off this data as you might have six month ago because the market is pretty fairly valued," he said.

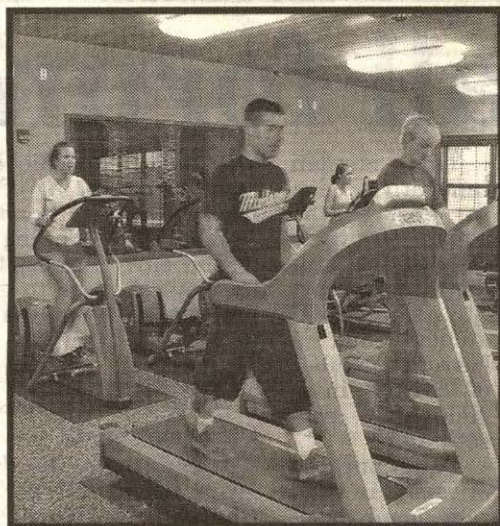
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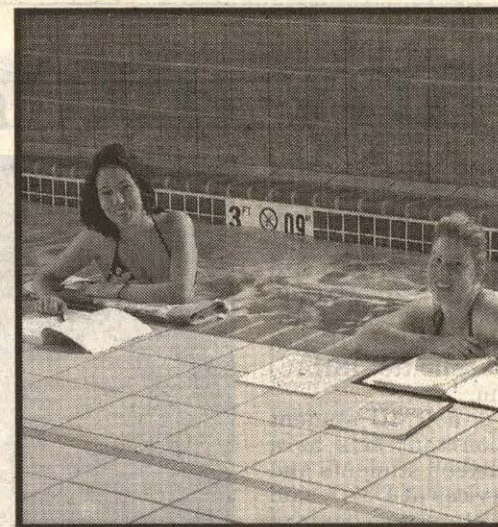


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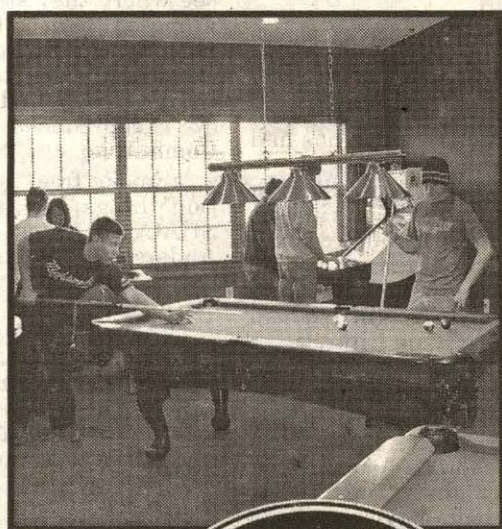
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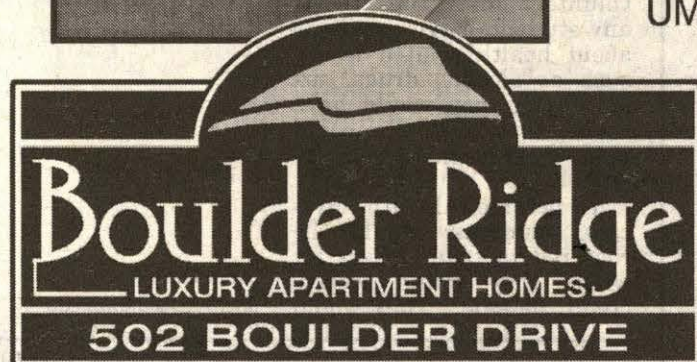
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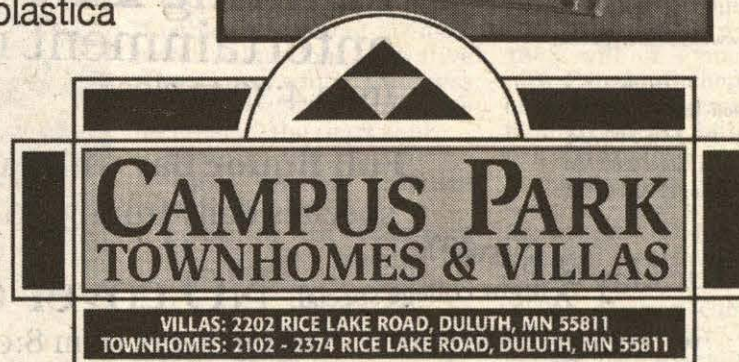
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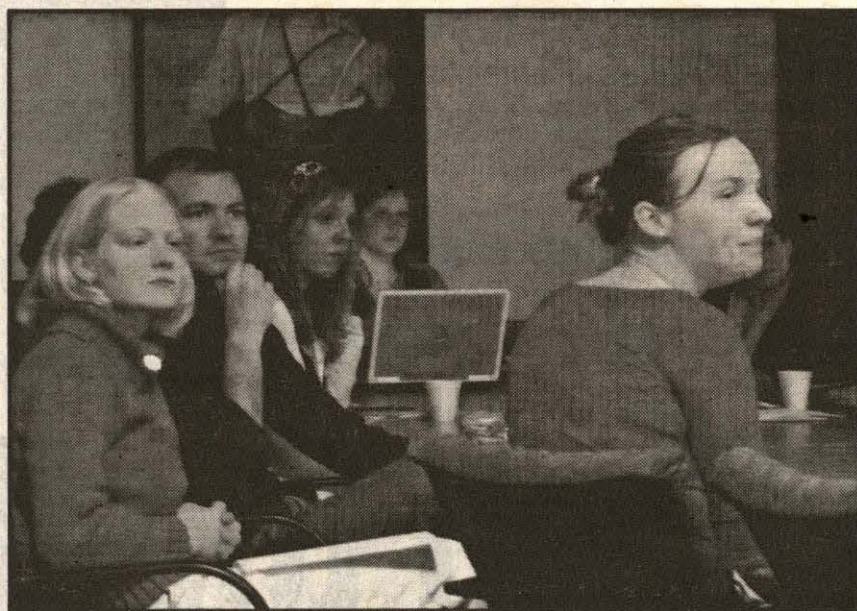
The proposed smoking ban, health services, medical amnesty and health advocates were all topics of discussion Tuesday, where students and representatives of multiple organizations gathered at the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) Fall Forum.

SHAC is a UMD student organization that acts as a liaison between students and health services at UMD, said Brianna Peters a co-chair of SHAC. Each semester their organization hosts a forum to share with the public their current projects and receive feedback, said Shelly DeCaigny a health service's staff member and SHAC advisor.

Health Service Campaign

This fall SHAC started off the year with a "Where is Health Services" campaign. This is a campaign that they run every year targeting incoming freshman and new students to inform them about the opportunities offered by the health services, said Jessie Radtke, a SHAC member and UMD student.

This year they hung up



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From left to right Brianna Peters, Lee Church, Kassandra Malchow, Nicole Woodley and Jessie Radtke watch a SHAC presenter at the recent fall forum.

signs and set up tables in places where freshman are most common, like the Dining Center and Lake Superior Hall, to inform and answer questions that anyone had about Health Services.

"(Health Services) is real-

ly an asset to the students," said Radtke.

It is important for all students to know about it because the doctor's visit is already paid for by student services fees, she said.

Medical Amnesty

This is "an innovative idea to ensure the safety of overly intoxicated students," said Matt Stuart, a UMD student and a current member of SHAC, in a slide show presentation.

The purpose of this plan is to remove any hesitation that students have about calling for help when people are in trouble.

Currently, students at UMD who call for help can get written up if they have also been drinking, Stuart said. This new idea would prevent

the possibility of screening for those who call for help and hopefully allow more students to call without worry.

This plan would only apply to on campus scenarios.

Health Advocates

Lee Church, a SHAC member and a senior at UMD, presented this plan that the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus has had since 1989.

"We would establish a group of students on campus that would go through certain classes or coursework and be able to refer students where they need to go (in medical situations)," said Church.

He said that in the Twin Cities each residence hall and Greek life house has a health advocate. They live in the on-campus housing and volunteer their time, so if any students have questions about health related issues such as alcohol, drugs, sex or others, they would have a peer to talk to who could point them in the right direction.

To become a health advocate students would be required to take classes for which they would receive credit, he said. They would

also have a "goodie bag" of supplies consisting of things from condoms to Band-Aids.

While the planning is still in the early stages, Church has lots of ideas to get this program on its feet. As of now, he has talked with the UMD Health Education Office and plans to draft a proposal over Christmas break.

"I can totally see this program taking off at UMD," Church said. "Our students at this university are tomorrow's health care professionals... give us a chance."

Smoking Awareness

Awareness of the current 25 foot policy, prohibiting smokers from smoking within 25 feet of doors, windows and air vents, has increased, according to statistics proposed by Peters. Last year only 46 percent of students surveyed were aware there was such a policy compared to 79 percent of those surveyed this year.

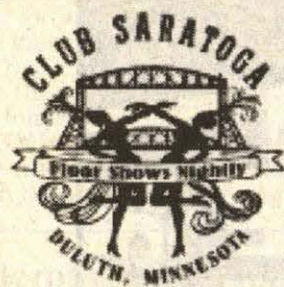
Smoking Ban

SHAC has been conducting a survey of UMD students to see where they stand on the proposed ban. They have recently sent an updated and clarified proposal to the UMD Safety Health and Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee.

"(Smoke free) is the direction things are going," said SHAC co-chair Shannon Andersen. "Smoking doesn't only affect the smoker but the people around them."

Other SHAC members backed her up saying that Purdue is smoke free, and St. Luke's and St. Mary's Hospitals here in Duluth are heading in that direction as well.

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Panel rejects voter paper trail

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — A federal advisory panel on Monday rejected a recommendation that states use only voting machines that produced results which could be independently verified.

The panel drafting voting guidelines for the U.S. Election Assistance Commission voted 6-6 not to adopt a proposal that would have required electronic machines used by millions of voters to produce a paper record or other independent means of checking election results. Eight votes were needed to

pass it.

The failed resolution, proposed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology computer scientist and panel member Ronald Rivest, closely mirrored a report released last week that warned that paperless electronic voting machines are vulnerable to errors and fraud and cannot be made secure.

Some panel members who voted against the proposal said they support paper records but don't think the risk of widespread voting machine meltdowns is great

enough to rush the requirement into place and overwhelm state election boards.

"They should be longer-range goals," said Britain Williams of the National Association of Election Directors. "You are talking about basically a reinstallation of the entire voting system hardware."

Congress created the panel after vote-counting problems in the 2000 presidential election to advise the Election Assistance Commission. Monday's meeting was held at the National Institute

of Standards and Technology (NIST), which is advising the panel on voting technology. NIST staffers wrote last week's report on the potential voting problems.

Some panel members worried the systems with audit trails could present problems of their own, including printer errors. Others said it was unclear whether paper records could be used by voters who are blind or have other disabilities.

But Rivest warned his colleagues that software errors in the paperless machines could go undetected without a way of verifying the voting results.

That could lead to a scenario where you have "got an election result that is wrong and you have no evidence to show that it's wrong," he

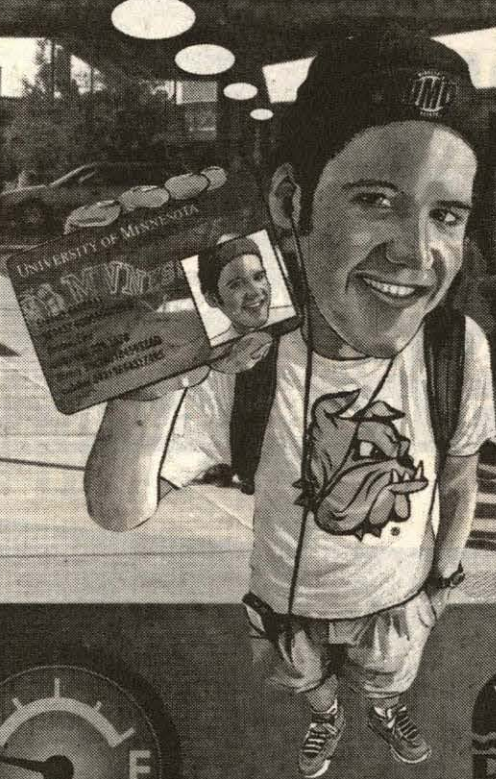
said.

Verifiable paper records are already used by many states. Twenty-seven mandate them while another 18 don't require them but use them in all or some jurisdictions. Only five (Delaware, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland and South Carolina) use machines without a paper record. More than half of all voters used machines with paper records during the 2006 elections.

The paperless voting machines are essentially laptop computers that allow voters to cast their ballots by touching a screen, and then tally the results. They are widely used across the country.

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Hawaiian school can favor natives

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A divided federal appeals court ruled that a private school in Hawaii can favor Hawaiian natives for admission as a means of helping a downtrodden indigenous population.

The 8-7 decision by a 15-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday overturned an earlier ruling by three of the same judges that the Kamehameha Schools policy amounted to unlawful discrimination.

In Tuesday's decision, the majority noted that the case was unique because Congress has singled out the plight of native Hawaiians for improvement, just as lawmakers have done with Alaskan natives and American Indians.

The admissions policy "further the urgent need for better education of Native Hawaiians, which Congress has repeatedly identified as necessary," the court said.

The case was brought by a white student excluded because of his race.

Admission to the elite school is first granted to qualified Hawaiian students, and non-Hawaiians may be admitted if there are openings available.

Only one in eight eligible applicants is admitted to the school, which serves about 5,400 students at three campuses.

Seven Republican judges opposed the policy; eight Democrats on the court sup-

ported it. Three dissenting judges wrote separately that civil rights law prohibits a private school from denying admission because of race.

Eric Grant, the plaintiff's attorney, said he would appeal to the Supreme Court. "Discrimination in favor of native Hawaiians and against other persons is racial discrimination," he said.

Hawaii Attorney General Mark Bennett urged the court to uphold the policy, citing Congress' decision in 1991 to provide grants to the Kamehameha Schools and offer preferential loans to native Hawaiians.

Congress "could not intend to bar an admission policy that it was supporting," he said.

The Kamehameha School was established under the 1883 will of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop as part of a trust now worth \$6.8 billion (euro5.1 billion). The trust subsidizes tuition and is designed to help remedy some of the wrongs done during the U.S.-backed overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom in 1893.

The decision came a day after the Supreme Court suggested during arguments in a different case that it might ban the practice of race-based admissions in public schools, even if the policy was intended to create racial harmony.

The last time the Supreme Court ruled on a similar issue was in 2003.

Taco Bell may be linked to E. coli

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. (AP) — Taco Bell ordered the removal of green onions from its 5,800 restaurants nationwide Wednesday after tests suggested they might be responsible for the E. coli outbreak that sickened at least three dozen people in three states.

The fast-food chain said preliminary testing by an independent lab found three samples of green onions appeared to have a harsh strain of the bacteria.

Taco Bell said that the tests are not conclusive, but that it immediately notified health authorities and its restaurants while it awaits a final analysis.

"In an abundance of caution, we've decided to pull all green onions from our restaurants until we know conclusively whether they are the cause of the E. coli outbreak," said Greg Creed, president of Irvine, Calif.-based Taco Bell.

A message left with the company on where the green onions came from was not immediately returned Wednesday.

Taco Bell established a telephone number, 1-800-TACO BELL, for those with concerns about the outbreak.

The chain, a subsidiary of Yum! Brands Inc., reopened restaurants linked to the outbreak on New York's Long Island after the eateries were sanitized. But it closed nine outlets in suburban Philadelphia after health officials reported an E. coli outbreak that sickened four people there.

Meanwhile, the company that distributes food to the region's Taco Bells said federal investigators planned to test five produce items, green onions, regular onions, cilantro, tomatoes and lettuce, from its southern New Jersey warehouse.

Health officials have not yet been able to pinpoint the source of the bacteria that have sickened at least three dozen people in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Nine people remained hospitalized, including an 11-year-old boy in stable condition with kidney damage.

On Tuesday, Taco Bell representatives and state and federal health inspectors visited a food distribution center in Burlington, N.J., that supplied the Long Island

and New Jersey restaurants patronized by people who were sickened.

Texas-based McLane Co., which owns the distribution center, selected the produce items for federal investigators to test Wednesday, said Bart McKay, a lawyer for the company.

McKay said the federal investigators were to pick up samples of green onions, regular onions, cilantro, tomatoes and lettuce. No meat samples were requested, he said.

"By all appearances, the focus seems to be on one or more produce supplies," McKay said.

E. coli is found in the feces of humans and livestock. Most E. coli infections are associated with undercooked meat. The bacteria also can be found on sprouts or leafy vegetables such as spinach. The germs can be spread by people if they do not thoroughly wash their hands after using the bathroom.

New Jersey's health commissioner has said the most recent case of E. coli was reported Nov. 29, so the danger of infection might have passed.

Two of the New Jersey restaurants implicated were inspected and remained open. The third, in South Plainfield, remained closed Wednesday morning. Health officials in that restaurant's county said Wednesday they were inspecting food that one still-hospitalized victim had saved, but that tests would not be available until later in the week.

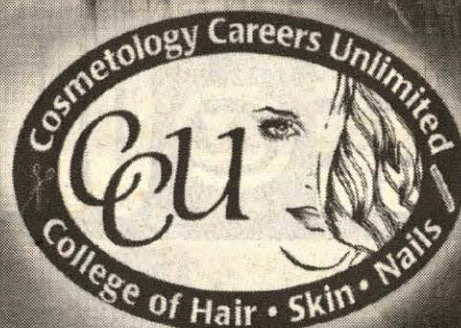
Pennsylvania officials were working to determine if the outbreak there was linked to the New York and New Jersey cases. Three of those who fell ill at the end of November had eaten at a Taco Bell, state Health Department spokesman Troy Thompson said. Two were hospitalized and released.

The nine Taco Bell restaurants located in suburban Philadelphia were voluntarily closing as a precaution, the Montgomery County health department said.

E. coli, or Escherichia coli, is a common and ordinarily harmless bacteria, but certain strains can cause abdominal cramps, fever, bloody diarrhea, kidney failure, blindness, paralysis, even death.

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BARRELS

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further assessments and are moving directly to clean up."

With complete funding from the DOD, Red Cliff's Natural Resource Damage Assessment Committee (NRDAC) has a plan that will ultimately remove the barrels from the lake.

"Of course, we may find more once we get down there because some barrels have never been located," said Montano.

Montano began her position with the Red Cliff Tribe in March 2006, and the project was at a standstill.

"It had basically been sitting untouched and seriously lagging," said Montano. "When I began working, I did my best to learn fast and get the tribe back up to speed with this project because of the great importance of it."

The Red Cliff Tribes Environmental Department has been receiving funding for the clean-up through the DOD since the end of 2004 through the Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP), according to Montano.

NALEMP funds tribes throughout the United States to assess mitigate and restore contamination within their tribal lands and/or ceded territories, said Montano.

"The contamination is usually due to the DOD, Coast Guard, Army, etc., and basically, they give us funding

and oversees our efforts in carrying out the assessments and clean-ups," said Montano.

The evidence, data and information collected and presented within the Strategic Project Implementation Plan for the Department of Defense document demonstrate that the DOD is responsible for the uncontrolled release of hazardous materials into Lake Superior.

At least four substances found in the barrels are listed as toxic and Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) were also found in the current fish that are consumed from Lake Superior, according to the document.

Furthermore, the containments contain pollutants (PBTS) at levels that have severe negative effects on biota of the Lake Superior Basin, and humans are being exposed to the site through two significant sources (fish and water consumption), according to the document.

Montano said there is also a great example of a similar project underway in Barrow, Alaska.

"There is a lot out there about 10,000 barrels in Barrow, Alaska," said Montano. "You would be amazed if you searched it on the Internet, or should I say, devastated."

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CHEMICALS FOUND IN BARRELS

Chemical Constituent	Human Health Effects
PCB's	Neurobehavioral and immunological changes in children, acne-like skin conditions in adults.
Phosphorous	---
Mercury	Impaired neurological development in fetuses, infants and children. Impaired vision, coordination loss, speech and hearing loss in adults.
Lead	Learning disabilities, behavioral problems, seizure and death.
Chromium	Gastrointestinal effects; abdominal pain, vomiting and hemorrhages.
Beryllium	---
Uranium	Elevation in urinary excretion of catalase, albumin, non-pro nitrogen and casts in the urine.
Boron	---
Mirex	---
DNT	Neurotoxicity, Heinz bodies and biliary tract hyperplasia and methemoglobinemia.
Barium	Limited data on genotoxicity of barium compounds.
Cadmium	Cancer risks.
BTEX (Benzene)	Leukemia and Acute Myelogenous Leukemia.
Toluene	Effects nervous system, high levels may effect kidneys.
Ethylbenzene	Dizziness, throat and eye irritation and tightness of chest.
Xylene	Unconsciousness and death at high level exposure. Low level exposure causes, headaches, lack of muscle coordination, dizziness, confusion and change in sense of balance.

This information is from the Strategic Project Implementation Plan for the Department of Defense document.

AIDS

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of having HIV.

"Don't be afraid," she said, "Don't let it cost your life."

Stephanie Root and Beth Vancleve, the two students who wrote the grant for Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (GAPSA) funding, invited Kutasevich to come and speak to a group of pharmacy and medical students and faculty.

This event was made possible with help from GAPSA and International Pharmacy Students Federation (IPSF). Other events were put on by the Queer and Allied Students Union on campus to help educate the public on the issues of AIDS.

Each year the goal of World AIDS

Day is to get more people aware of what they can do to prevent the spread of this disease and to fight negative stereotypes, according to the Avert World AIDS Day website.

Since 1988, World AIDS Day has been a part of an international campaign to increase awareness of HIV and AIDS. People around the world participate in events such as marches and benefits put on by organizations like Avert or college organizations.

The theme this year was accountability "to inspire citizens across the globe to hold their political leaders accountable for the promises they have made on AIDS," according to the website.

Universities and campus organizations put on events of their own by

inviting speakers like Kutasevich or sponsoring benefits.

At the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, the Minnesota AIDS Coalition, a group of medical, pharmacy and public health students, helped put on a benefit concert at the 331 Club: auxiliary with local bands to raise money for the Aliveness Project. This project's goal is to help people who are HIV positive and to educate people about the virus, according to the event profile on Facebook. Other World AIDS Day events have been publicized through the website as well.

At UMD, there have been events put on in the past. The Gay, Lesbian, Transgender Services has sponsored speakers and silent auctions.

People interesting in finding out more can go to the Avert World AIDS Day website at <http://www.avert.org/worldaid.htm>.

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Horoscope

By Stefanie Morrison
Statesman Staff Reporter

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November 23 - December 22

A creative side you didn't know you had is going to come out this week, inspired by someone you wouldn't expect. Let go and have some fun with it.

capricorn

December 23 - January 19

Learning responsibility has been a long struggle for you, but it seems you've started to get the hang of it. Right now being responsible in your own life is enough, no need to take on the problems of others—not yet.

aquarius

January 20 - February 19

It's time to give credit where credit is due. She/he helped you out and as hard as it may be, it's important you acknowledge them and what they did.

pisces

February 20 - March 20

Something major is in the works for you! It will happen at the end of the week and will turn your world upside down—don't worry, in a good way.

aries

March 21 - April 20

You're feeling rather daring this week and will not be using the word 'no' very often. Starting up more than one project at a time is fine, just make sure to give yourself a chance to finish one or two.

taurus

April 21 - May 21

Your passive streak is about to end. You've figured out what you want and you're just about ready to scream it out to everyone; think it out a bit more and you'll know exactly when the time is right.

gemini

May 22 - June 22

Pay close attention to where you're putting all of your energy—a lot of it seems to be going toward the negative. Try and shift your thoughts and actions to the positive side of things.

cancer

June 23 - July 23

You're one of the most sensitive signs on the zodiac and yet you've a hard time sharing your feelings. Stop hiding your emotions—this week open up, it will do you some good.

leo

July 24 - August 23

You're a very generous person and you love to live the 'good life,' going out and having fun whatever the cost may be. Though it's time to be aware—expenses will be rising in the next few weeks and it may be time to pinch a few pennies.

virgo

August 24 - September 23

It seems others may not have your best interests at heart. Stick to your guns and watch out for yourself.

libra

September 24 - October 23

You've been craving some alone time and much needed independence—explain your reasons if you must and step aside for a while.

scorpio

October 24 - November 22

Sometimes talk is cheap and empty promises never get you anywhere. It seems it's time you do the things you've been putting off now for some time. It will benefit everyone—including you.

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EDITORIAL

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THE STATESMAN

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Our View

College students, almost by definition, are low on cash flow. The average student must deal with a litany of bills, payments and purchases each semester that, when added up, become an astronomical sum.

One would think that Auxiliary Services, the department at UMD that is responsible for operating the bookstore, food court and dining center, among other things, would be conscientious when setting prices for goods purchased by students on campus.

But guess what. They don't have to be. The same person, owns all the outlets in the food court.

When the five food court establishments, the coffee shop, the new bookstores and the convenience store were opened up a few years ago, UMD made the decision not to allow outside companies to buy-in. Instead, the socialists in Auxiliary Services have sold a monopoly that has allowed for outrageous prices to be charged to students in the name of convenience.

By closing out the competition in the food court and coffee shop, competitive pricing is non-existent and the inconvenience of leaving campus locks in buyers.

Apparently, it isn't enough that textbook prices are at an all-time high, rising faster than inflation over the last 10 years. Now UMD has implemented a program that lures students to pre-purchasing

"dining dollars" on their U Card. It is interesting, in this day of technological advancements, that should a U Card be lost it is not possible to freeze and/or recover funds placed on the card. Furthermore UMD will not refund the excess balance on the card should the student no longer need the funds on it.

Those who support the current structure of these stores will mention that prior to the implementation of them, there was pressure by students to bring the conveniences that they were leaving campus for in-house. A review of UMDstudents.com, (an on-line student forum created in 2002), however, will show that students were seeking commercial companies of the likes of McDonalds and Caribou.

One of two things should be demanded of Auxiliary Services by the students of this campus. Either the department must begin to be more conscientious of the pricing they impose on students, or they should open the market to competition.

When did it become acceptable for institutions to sell monopolies? Not that long ago, Americans would've been spitting mad about having their freedom as a consumer taken from them. They would've gone across town for lunch on principle alone. These days, however, it seems nobody gets too mad about anything. We are no longer guided by principle, but by convenience.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Acts of hatred should not be ignored

The Members of the UMD Diversity Commission are writing this letter to express our solidarity with the student protestors from the Multicultural Center who recently protested in the Kirby Student Center. The students, in their silent protest, were drawing attention to the recent desecration of the Multicultural Center mural, as well as other acts of hatred and disrespect that

occur at UMD and in Duluth. People need to pay attention when these kinds of cowardly acts take place. We all need to speak up when we see such behaviors.

The recent Symposium on Social Justice brought to the attention of the entire UMD community, the importance of having a voice with which to speak out in protest in the face of wrongs and injustices. The UMD Diversity Commis-

sion wholeheartedly endorses the need for such outspokenness.

Sincerely,
Deborah S. Petersen-Perlman, Ph.D

And
Members of the UMD Diversity Commission

Feminism defined through choice

While reading the opinion column in the Statesman last week, "Gender Roles Should Constantly Be Re-evaluated," a few questions popped into my mind. For instance, had the author done any research on different types of feminism, or (dare I say) taken a Women's Studies course before?

I ask these questions because I feel if they had, they might not have come down so harshly on feminism. The issue of women staying home with their children is much more complex than it was presented. The issue of class is the first thing to come to my mind when someone brings up the subject. I know the author touched on it, but not nearly enough. What about the lower class women who can't even afford even basic necessities for their family, who might consider staying home everyday with their children a luxury when compared to the low-paying, degrading job they have to perform everyday just to get by? Feminists aren't responsible for her having to go to work, our messed up system that makes the rich more rich and the poor more poor is! Do these mothers see bringing their children to daycare as "that kind of risk" or are they doing what they can to survive and provide food and shelter for their children in our extremely stratified society?

I start to wonder what people we are talking about, who is considered a person and who are we considering when we have these discussions on feminism? For instance, where exactly do transgendered people fit into this polarized male vs. female spectrum? What is their role that they should know?

I would also like for the student body to know the actual definition of feminism, not the Rush Limbaugh version. Feminism is the movement toward the full social, political and economic equality of all people. And I

agree with the author that "equality" doesn't necessarily mean "sameness." In fact many feminists, who identify themselves as "maximizers," stress the importance of the differences between men and women, which is another subject entirely.

I want the student body to understand that feminism is about choice. It is about women (and men!) being treated and respected as human beings who are fully capable of making decisions about their own life, whether it follows their "role" or not. It means liberating people of all colors, shapes, sizes, sexual orientations, classes, abilities and genders. Feminism means we can do whatever we need to do in order to feel empowered, to feel good about ourselves and to survive.

I'm not trying to offend the person who wrote the article; everyone is entitled to their own opinion. I'm not trying to tell anyone what they should or should not think with this letter either. I'm not saying you have to identify as a feminist, and I'm not saying you have to scream it from a mountaintop if you do; what I am saying is that feminism is an important thing for our generation and that most of us don't ever acknowledge it. I would not even have the opportunity to write this letter if it wasn't for feminists, as a matter of fact, I wouldn't even be allowed to attend school!

Whether you are a feminist or not, respect what feminism has done for the world and for individual women. I call myself a feminist because of the women throughout history who literally sacrificed their lives to ensure that I could have full say in how I live mine.

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OPINION

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Stereotypes proven wrong by experience

By Uzair Mukadam
Statesman Guest Contributor

"Assumption is the mother of all F*7K Up's." Three years ago I wrote an article in *The Statesman* with the same title, from the perspective of a Pakistani Muslim who had come to America to pursue a college education, and more than that, to pursue a dream to be a self-made person.

I still remember the inhibitions that I had stepping into the country. I had heard horror stories of racial profiling. Someone even told me that Minnesota was all white, and I would have a hard time being accepted by the people.

I always had the belief that there is no place that all people are bad; it's just that they have the wrong perception in most cases. I remember stepping into the airport in Minneapolis and being scared of going to the immigration officer. I just hoped he didn't detain me to grill me with questions.

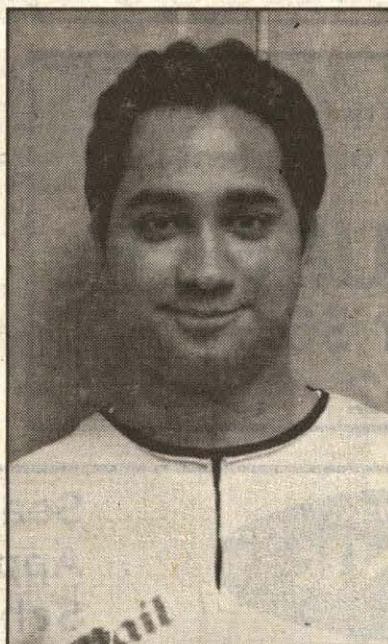
I remember all through my freshman year coming across people who were so surprised to hear about my background

as a Pakistani Muslim. Sept. 11 was still very fresh on everyone's mind. There was a misunderstanding about the Muslim faith, that it promoted violence. Stereotypes have this problem. They make people so rigid in their thinking they don't want to learn anymore or change opinions.

The stereotypes were not one sided. I admit I brought some stereotypes with me. It's very sad that we do this, in most cases without even giving the other person a chance. We make up our mind about who and what they are based on assumptions.

I clearly remember every time that I went back to Pakistan or visited another country; people thought that I must really be persecuted in America because of my faith and skin color. It took them by surprise when I told them that it wasn't really the case.

Granted, I am always the guy who hears: "sir, you have been randomly chosen for a special security check," which pisses me off sometimes; there are officers who treat you like a suspected



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terrorist, but these are few and far between, and that's only in the airports.

Most American people are very eager to learn about other cultures and religions, perhaps even more than any other country I've been to. Because of my father's profession, I did get to travel and live in about 25 different countries, and certainly, among western countries, American people have to be the most friendly and eager to learn about people.

I realize now, after four years of living here, that I feel totally opposite about the stereotypes I had about the States when I came here. The world views America as an arrogant nation that wants only power. Sadly, this is the impression that I came here with. It's an opinion that the outside world has formed about the nation based on what the politicians do. It's not the people that they have a problem with. Americans are some of the most wonderful people in the world.

I can vouch for Minnesota especially. It's strange how in four years you start calling a place home, a place where a few years ago, you hardly knew anybody. It's true in the case of a lot of interna-

tional students; they come to the States thinking of getting a college education and going back home, instead they end up staying here. You learn about a culture and people while living in it. Slowly and steadily you adapt to it. As I get ready to finish college in two weeks, I want to thank everyone who has enriched my college life and added to my wonderful experience of living abroad.

I am glad to say that I have had the time of my life in the last four years and met some wonderful people without whom I think my life would have been incomplete. I'd like to thank Chris Godsey, Barb Titus, Ryan Goei and Peter Stark for their teaching and also for the help they gave us, international students, to bridge the cultural divides. I have enjoyed writing for *The Statesman* the last three years, and I thank everyone there. With a heavy heart this is Uzair Mukadam signing off one last time.

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University expansion to Rochester comes at student's expense

By Dane Ryan
Statesman Staff Reporter

Recently there has been a lot of buzz about an issue that many students at UMD do not realize.

The University of Minnesota Board of Regents has seriously reviewed a plan to expand the University's system to include a campus in Rochester. It looks like the plan is going ahead, and the expansion will begin. This is all happening while officials at the University admitting there is no room in budget for such a project. For students, that translates to higher tuition and higher fees. The bulk of the money is going to come out of our pockets.

The University of Minnesota plans to spend \$15 million over the next three years, and later \$156 million over the next decade to establish the Rochester campus. These numbers

are just outrageous. This plan comes at a time when tuition to colleges in the U system has increased 70 percent over the last five years, in part because of higher budgets and government aid cuts from the Pawlenty administration. That statistic in and of itself is appalling, but the University of Minnesota is looking to expand a new campus, which in many people's views is unnecessary.

The decision to expand looks largely to be a political one. There really isn't a true need for a new campus. In fact, Minnesota has more public colleges and universities per student, than any other state in the country.

It's clear that this decision is more about prestige. The University has been more in tune to corporate interests. The 10 new programs they intend to add at the new U include a Master's of Health Care Administration and other specialized programs

in bioscience and engineering. That is an obvious investment into Rochester's IBM headquarters and the Mayo Clinic. Both companies said they would contribute money, but no figures have been given.

The U of M needs to invest back into its current students. We are dealing with incredibly high costs at college, with a decrease in real financial aid. It now costs the average student upwards of \$18,000 a year at UMD, a number that has forced many students to drop out or finish college in five or more years. This is something that should be addressed. The University has increasingly tried to be one of the great research universities in the country, but this has come at its students' expense. The University should take an active approach to finding ways to reduce tuition and other expenses for its undergraduates, such as heavier lobbying at the

state capitol for more state aid.

It's not that the idea of expansion is all bad. Sure, it actually could be beneficial to the Rochester area, but there isn't money in the budget for this project. The timing is wrong; building this campus by pulling more bills out of the pockets of U students is the wrong approach.

The University has not made a solid case for this expansion, and the trends from budgetary appropriations at the capitol are discouraging. Students come to the University of Minnesota campuses because they're great schools and are more affordable than others in the state, not because it's prestigious or research oriented. The officials at the U need to take notice of this and get back in touch with the 60,000 plus students the system serves.

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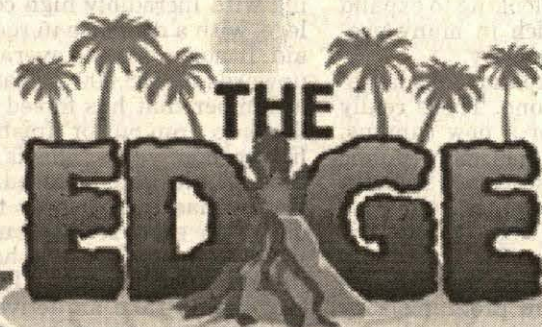
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UMD Theatre presents Albert Nobbs

By Renae Conrad
Statesman Staff Reporter

"My personal experience tells me that many, if not most of us, have a defining moment in our lives; that one moment when a particular decision is made and then acted upon," said Kate Ufema, director of "The Singular Life of Albert Nobbs." "A decision and action that, for better or for worse, determine the future course of our lives."

"The Singular Life of Albert Nobbs," (a play based on George Moore's short story "Albert Nobbs"), tells the chilling story of a woman who lives her life as a man to overcome the oppression of being a female in the workforce of mid-19th century Dublin.

Her struggles and fears result in a lonely lifetime of confusion and pain, but she remains a man until her death.

Albert, played by senior Jessica Davis, is not the only person living with this secret however. Her story intertwines with another very similar tale when she meets Hubert Page, played by junior Serena Brook.

Hubert, a woman who works and lives as a male painter, changes Albert's lonely way of thinking by suggesting companionship, family and personal success.

"This is a show about a woman's survival and how she posed as a man, and interacted with men and women," said Davis. "There have been women in our past that have successfully posed as males. I feel that not only is it an interesting play to



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Senior Jessica Davis plays the title role of Albert Nobbs, a woman who poses as a man in the mid-19th century workforce.

see, but it's important to get a perspective on our past, our history."

Maintaining the character differences between Albert as a woman and Albert as a male was something very important to Davis.

"I would say the biggest struggle for me as an actor in this show was to create a balance between Albert as a woman and then as a male," said Davis. "I wanted the audience to see her vulnerability and feminine side. In the transition to male, I near-

ly wanted to be seamless, but keeping in mind that the audience should see it and hear it."

The audience found the play to be entertaining and the plot unexpected.

"I thought it was really weird; very interesting plot, very ironic," said senior Brianna Johnson after viewing the play. "It really wasn't what I expected but I didn't know anything about the play."

Opening night was a smooth transition into the



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From left to right, Jessica Davis as Albert Nobbs, Heather Trow as Helen Dawes and Serena Brook as Hubert Page.

weekend, which Davis suggests can be completely attributed to the confidence of the cast and the confidence they have in one another. Although there may have been a few minor mishaps, they were not obvious to the audience, which Davis describes as "the beauty of live theatre."

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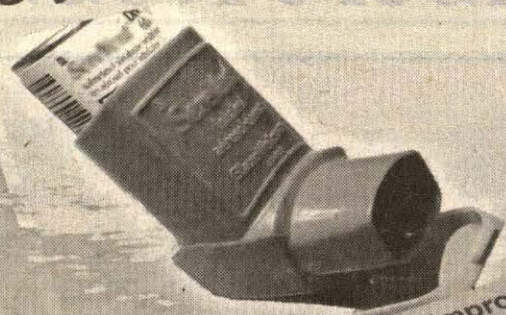
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You don't have to have a disability to become a member of Access For All, they welcome everyone.

Access for All

By Ted Norgaard
Statesman Staff Reporter

Here at UMD, Access for All is a student group whose title means exactly what it says. You don't have to be a member to go to an Access For All meeting.

There is no actual list of who's in the group, just an e-mail alias with nearly 100 people on it. Overall, their goals are to promote disability awareness around campus, dispel misconceptions about disabilities and create a strong network for students with or without disabilities.

The group meets twice monthly on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. for an hour. At meetings they discuss issues that people with disabilities face. Elee Vang, a co-advisor for Access For All, is a student living with a disability.

"We are not dumb or stupid or anything," said Vang. "We are normal and can do the same things as other people."

Galynn White is a member of Access For All. Like Vang, she is also a UMD student living with a disability.

"There was a bunch of surgeries I could have got that might have made it possible for me to walk," said White. "I choose not to get them. Even though I can't walk, I'm still a whole person."

You don't have to have a disability to become a member of Access

For All, they welcome everyone. In recent meetings several students have been in attendance that have no disabilities.

"We have to be doing something right if we get people here that don't have any disabilities," said Vang, who is pleased by the presence of these students.

Nancy Diener is a Coordinator for UMD Disability Services. During the last Access For All meeting she explained why student awareness is so important.

"When students report something, change happens a lot quicker," said Diener in reference to an event that occurred on campus several years ago involving the installation of T.T.Y. phones (phones for the deaf).

Since 1987, she and other members of the facility had been trying to get the University to offer this service to deaf students. It wasn't until the mid-90's when Access For All

made and signed a petition that the University acted.

"Within a month there was a public T.T.Y. phone on campus," said Diener.

She also mentioned that in all fairness UMD may have had plans to install the phone before the petition, but it would have taken nearly 10 years to do so.

Group sponsored functions on campus are also on the meeting agendas. All semester the group has been sponsoring the speaker series "I Am Who," which features speakers that are living with disabilities. Yesterday was the last speaker of the semester. The group plans to continue

sponsoring the events next semester.

The group also has a movie night once a month. The movies they select usually feature a theme or lead character with a disability of some sort.

Last week's meeting was largely devoted to the final preparations for the Flying Words Project. They expected up to 120 people to be there; it is one of the largest events the group sponsored. The free show was last Saturday night in the Kirby Ballroom, it starred Peter Cook who is a deaf poet and his collaborator Kenny Lerner. The group planned everything from advertisements, to decorations, to seating arrangements and even a dinner with the performers before the show.

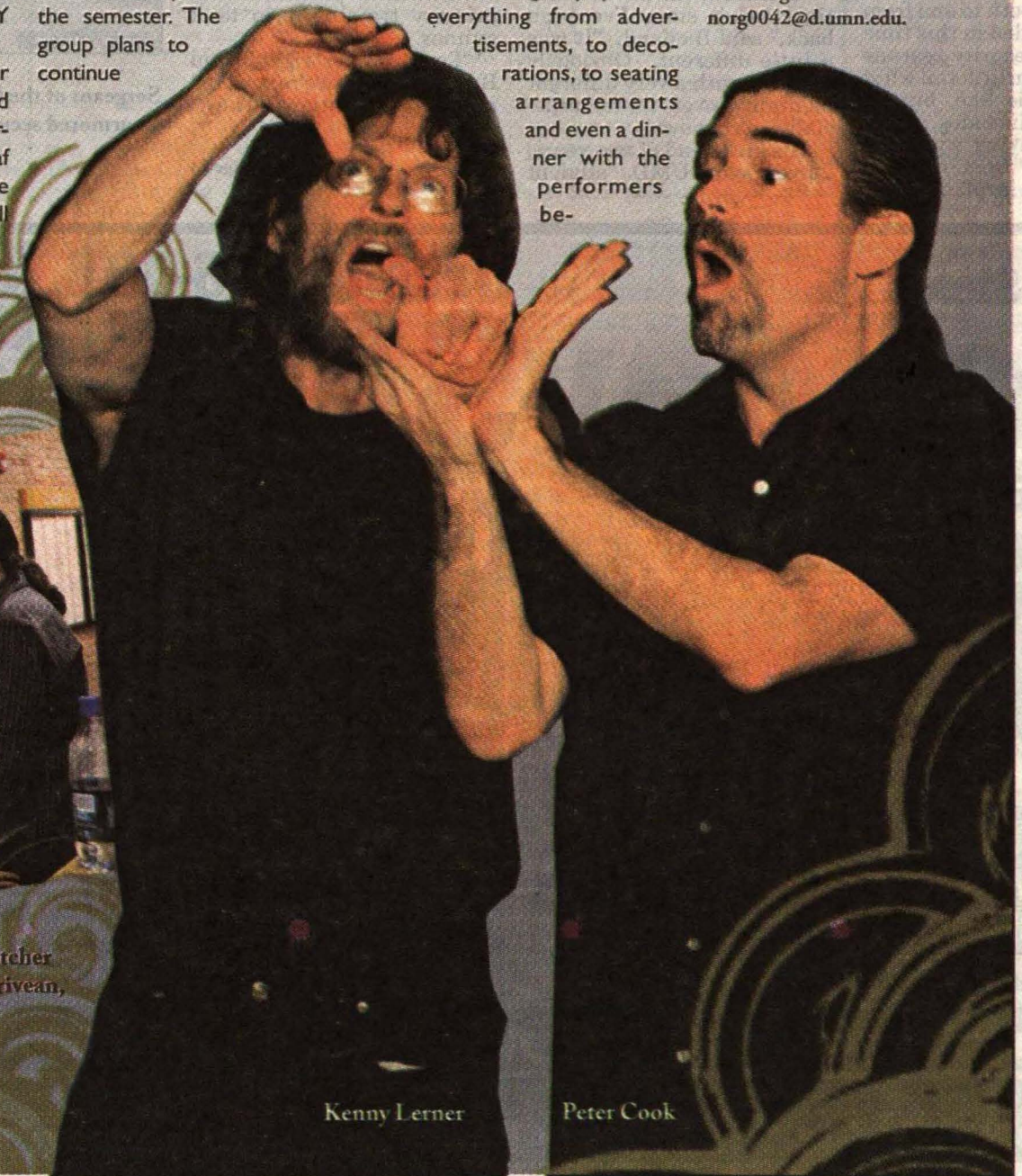
An upcoming event the group is planning is a holiday party on Dec. 13. For more information about Access For All, e-mail Vang at Vang0675@d.umn.edu, or check the online University Events Calendar for meeting times and dates.

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From left to right Elee Vang, Fletcher Smith, Matt Congdon, Dani Carivean, Susan Metcalf and Peter Cook

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Kenny Lerner

Peter Cook

A solider home for the holidays

A look into the life of a UMD student serving his country in Iraq

By Ted Norgaard
Statesman Staff Reporter

Steven Bjorn Bjelland had not seen his girlfriend or family since last Christmas and was able to spend Thanksgiving with them this year. Since joining the Army National Guard in 2000, this 25-year-old UMD student has spent six months in Bosnia and is currently serving in Iraq.

"I'm on leave right now," said Bjelland. "But my unit is still over in Iraq. I've been there around eight months now. Tours are scheduled for 12 months, but sometimes that can change."

His leave totals 15 days. Travel times both to and from Iraq are included in this time period. For security reasons he can't explain in detail what this journey is like, but he mentioned it includes nearly 24 hours of flying with several switches from military to commercial airplanes.

Before returning stateside, Bjelland was briefed on some guidelines the army encourages for soldiers on leave.

"The instructions they give us is that this is not your time off, so much as it is your family and friends time to be with you," said Bjelland. "Because for how ever long you have been gone, your family has supported you, cared about you and worried about you. This is now an opportunity for you to spend time with them."

In the short time that Bjelland has been back in Minnesota, he has noticed some degree of difficulty in resuming his civilian life.

"I drove a car for the first time today since I've been back," said Bjelland. "It was a little different. Obviously we drive with a very different mentality over there, especially on convoys."

His girlfriend of two years, 22-year-old UMD student

Kelly Prock described the experience as scary but didn't compare to how she felt when Bjelland was assigned to convoy operations.

"I hated when he told me he had to do convoys," said Prock. "That was a horrible conversation. When he was off convoys, it was a huge sigh of relief because every night I would stay up and wait for that phone call. Sometimes he wasn't able to call because his mission would go over, and the next day I would just be sitting there thinking something bad might have happened."

Convoy duty seemed to scare her more than Bjelland, he attributes this to his primary training as a tank gunner.

"I'm a tanker right," said Bjelland. "So we're trained in combat operations. They

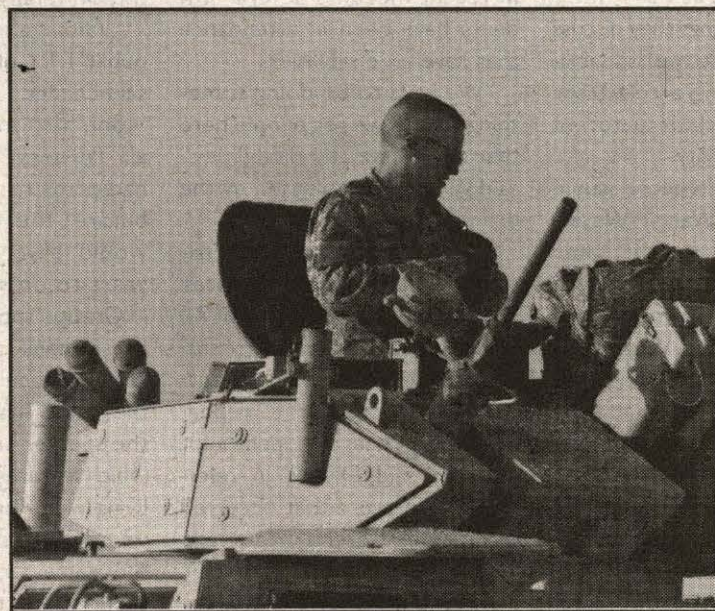


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Sergeant of the Guard Steven Bjelland trains for combat atop an armored security vehicle prior to a convoy in Iraq.

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Sex In the
University
by Mary Callahan

'Tis the season to be jolly, or is it? Holidays can surprisingly be a stressful time for those that are in a relationship.

With the holidays quickly approaching, so is the sudden anxiety of buying that special someone a gift. You battle back and forth between ideas of what to get for them and ask yourself 'Am I spending too much?' 'Am I spending too little?' 'Will they think that our relationship is moving too fast if I give them this?' This year, don't let Christmas shopping become one of your biggest phobias, let it be fun.

As for those who are in a new relationship, it's best not to give them anything that will scare them off or make

them feel like the relationship suddenly jumped to a new level. Many new couples struggle the most in the gift exchange process.

"I don't know what to get this girl that I've only been dating for about a month," said a senior male. "I can't decide whether or not it's too soon to give her a present."

If you're worrying about giving something to a fresh relationship, maybe compromise on going on a date and spending time with one another instead, so that there isn't pressure.

Some students find it easier to rely on giving something pretty for gifts.

"I always find it's best to give jewelry, no matter what," said a senior male. "Girls seem to always want something sparkly for Christmas or their birthday, so you can't go wrong."

Be careful not to give expensive jewelry too soon into the relationship because it may put you in the position of being expected to constantly give expensive gifts.

Sometimes you may think

your gift says "I love you," and find out later that your significant other doesn't think so.

"My boyfriend of over a year one Christmas gave me the worst gift ever," said a junior female. "In an envelope he wrote an 'IOU' for a dinner and movie date, one that we never even went on. I understand if expenses are tight, but still, something a little more creative could've been used."

If you're going to make a promise on paper as a gift, you better stick to it.

On the other hand, spending more than was expected can also be a risk to take when exchanging gifts.

"I had only been dating my girlfriend for about two months, so I didn't spend too much on her for Christmas," said a junior male. "I felt so bad because she spent so much on me and got me two seasons of 'The Sopranos.' I felt so guilty."

In situations like this, it might be best to discuss beforehand what your spending limit will be on

each other so that you're both on the same page.

Along with giving gifts, couples also face the stress of bringing home their significant other to meet the family for the holidays. You get anxious at the idea that your parents may not end up liking them, or they will embarrass you as much as possible.

"Last Christmas break, I brought home my boyfriend that I had been dating for a couple of months," said a senior female. "I was nervous because he was everything that my parents didn't want me to get involved with, but I did anyway. They ended up not liking him and made it pretty obvious too; it ended up ruining my holiday."

Sometimes it's the embarrassing families that you're afraid to reveal to your main squeeze.

"It wasn't that I was nervous for my parents to meet my boyfriend, I was nervous for him to meet my crazy family," said a senior female. "Their favorite thing to do is embarrass me and I had this huge fear that they'd scare

him away. But, as it turned out he thought that they were hilarious and enjoyed being around them."

When it comes to meeting the parents, don't expect that it will be as bad as Ben Still-er and Robert DeNiro's interaction in "Meet the Parents," just trust your family and know that whatever you see in your boyfriend/girlfriend, they will most likely see too.

On the website www.dating.about.com, you can find a guide to gift ideas for him and her, which is organized by the length of time you've been together or how much you are willing to spend. You may also have to take into consideration how serious you think your relationship is.

For more gift ideas for him and her check out page 23

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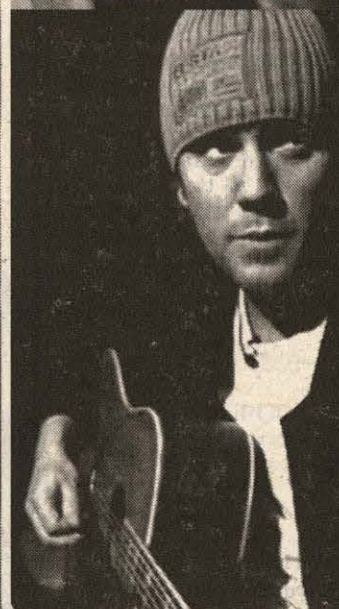


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Crazed nation for Playstation

By Lisa Kunkel
Statesman Staff Reporter

Christmas time is a time of giving, that can come with long lines, stress and the madness of holiday shoppers.

Shari Myhaman, the electronics team leader at Target, said that the Playstation 3 (PS3) has been the most popular item this holiday season. Noting that unless you had elves building it for you, this gift has not been easy to get.

A similar craze was Tickle Me Elmo which hit stores in 1996. People magazine reported the giggling, stuffed toy, originally priced at \$28.99, sold for \$1,500 in some cases.

There are a few different reasons that this gift has become so popular.

"It's the cutting edge of gaming," said Paul Skalski of the UMD Communication department. "A lot of speculators are buying just to sell it online for more money."

The PS3, which has been originally priced between \$500 and \$600 (depending on the gigabytes), has been selling on eBay for a much higher price.

Between Nov. 17-24, over 14,000 PS3 units were sold on eBay at an average price of \$1,186.39, according to Gamasutra.com.

"Those who buy online are people who really just want it," Skalski said.

Skalski also mentioned he has not yet purchased his own PS3 but has heard good things.

"It's pretty impressive and has enormous potential," he said. "Technologically, it's the most advanced."

Not only are people paying outrageous amounts for the new Playstation, but a number of crimes have occurred lately that are placing many of these crazed shoppers on Santa's naughty list.

Two people in Fresno, Calif. were arrested after a crowd trampled people in a parking lot, according to CNN.com. And in Manchester, Conn., a man was beaten and robbed of his new PS3 just minutes after he bought it.

These weren't the only cases of the PS3 madness. CNN.com also reported that

two men wearing black ski masks and sunglasses robbed a store in Englewood, Ohio for five PS3s after holding two employees at gunpoint. And in Allentown, Penn., a teenager was also robbed of his new PS3 by a man who tapped on his car window with a handgun.

To avoid this insanity, a Best Buy store in Boston, that had only 140 PS3s in stock, gave out tickets to the first 140 people in line, so everyone could go home until the store opened.

Other than the PS3, there are a few other hot items on people's Christmas lists.

There's always something new in electronics and that something is always highest on people's wish lists as well as has the highest marked price tag.

"Karaoke machines have also been top sellers," said Mahaman. Digital cameras, iPods and digital photo frames have all been popular gifts this year as well.

"Digital cameras are becoming more popular with the use of online social networks such as Facebook," Skalski said. "And once people get used to computers, they see how easy they are to have."

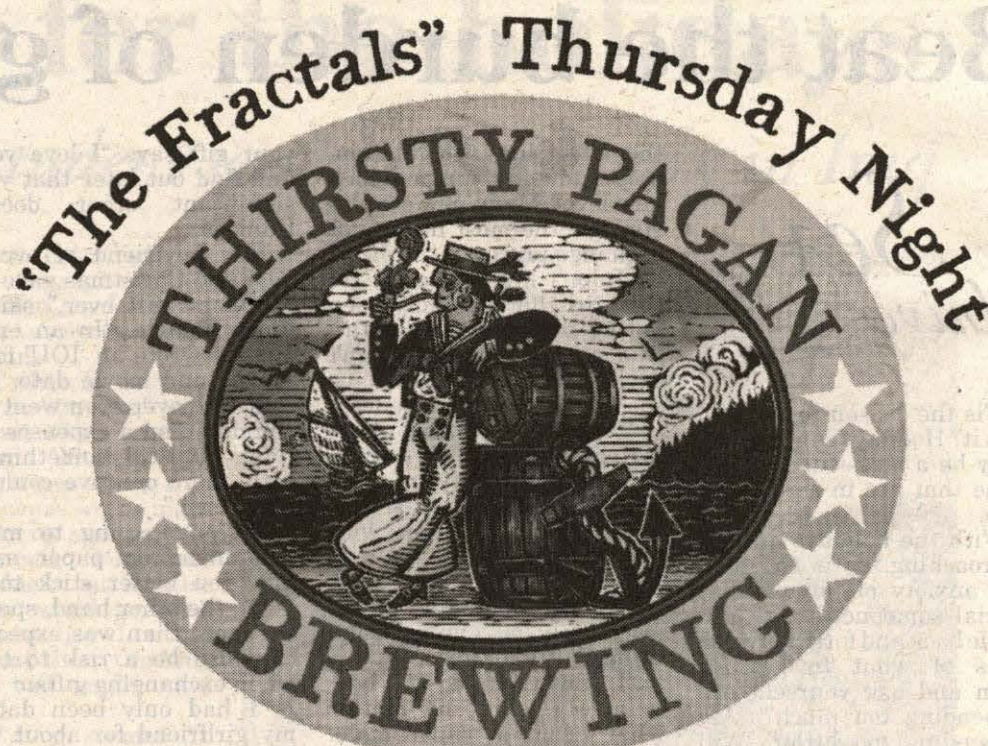
Mahaman said the digital camera that was advertised in the Target flyer, sold out almost immediately.

As far as the PS3 goes, like all new technology, it will eventually see a price decrease. It cost \$1,000 for Sony to make the consoles, and they're priced at only \$600, according to Skalski.

"It could be a while," Skalski said, noting the length of time it will be before Sony can afford a price drop.

Skalski also said that he is assuming it to be about another 4-5 years before another new big gaming device hits the market.

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instill the mentality in us that no matter where we are going we'll be living in the mud so to speak. So anywhere we go that's better than living in the mud doesn't seem half bad."

Previous combat experience has also helped Bjelland adjust to a life at war. During the Bosnia conflict, Bjelland initially struggled with the fact that some people in Bosnia wanted you dead just because you were there. He vividly describes an experience where he learned just how fragile life can be.

"We were out on this patrol, and suddenly, we were in the middle of a minefield," said Bjelland. "We were on a road and everything, but all of a sudden, bam, you're in the middle of this minefield and you know if you slide a little to the left, a little to the right,

you're in big trouble."

Before going to Iraq, Bjelland had to complete six months of specialized training in Mississippi.

"The training we had going into Iraq was realistic in the sense that it helped you get into the right mindset to get through your 12 month tour and do whatever it is you need to do to get through."

A downside to this additional training was that his unit was shipped out on Oct. 1, 2005, the one year anniversary of Bjelland and his girlfriend.

"It was really hard," said Prock. "I was able to go down and see him in Mississippi for a couple days before he left. Coming back here (Minnesota) was just like holy crap this whole thing has started, and he is on a plane going there right now."

Aside from his friends and family, what Bjelland misses most about civilian life is his

cell phone.

"They're kind of like your own personal freedom, and I know that sounds weird," said Bjelland. "But I'm really going to relish the day I don't have to walk a half mile to call someone on the phone."

Prock noted that every call she has received from Bjelland since his return, he reminds her that he is using his cell phone.

"He was way excited," said Prock. "I'm talking to you on my cell phone right now; he has to say it every time he talks to me."

While apart, the couple talks on the phone nearly every night. To make this call Bjelland has to walk a half mile from his barracks to the moral welfare and recreation center, where the phones are located.

Being sent to Iraq was no surprise to Bjelland.

"When I joined up they had just started looking at

integrating the National Guard into regular deployment overseas," said Bjelland. "My recruiter at the time informed me that there was a very good likelihood that my unit was going to be sent over to Bosnia, which we were. So that (Bosnia) wasn't a huge surprise and once Afghanistan and Iraq kicked off (me), and a lot of guys took the opinion of when, not if."

During his eight months in Iraq, Bjelland has been assigned to several different jobs.

"Right now I'm what's called a Sergeant of the Guard," said Bjelland. "What I do is I coordinate with units at the post I'm assigned to and make sure that they have soldiers manning the towers and perimeter."

Prior to that, he spent three months on convoy operations, and prior to that, he was assigned to an entry

control point.

Bjelland's service in the National Guard is over in early 2009 and he will come back from Iraq in about four months.

"Good, bad or otherwise it (military service) has definitely been time away from my own personal goals in life," said Bjelland. "In some ways it has helped further them, especially with all the education incentives the National Guard offers. But by the time I'm done, I will have spent truthfully 27 to 30 months overseas or on deployment."

Potentially he may have to go back to Iraq. For now he would like to think that he is going to come back to UMD and get a major in psychology. Most of his friends from high school have already graduated from college.

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GIFT IDEAS

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Holiday gift ideas for him:

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3-6 Months (\$25-50 range)

- * Concert tickets
- * Box set of "Seinfeld" episodes or his favorite T.V. show

6-12 Months (\$50+)

- * An IPOD
- * Tickets to his favorite sporting event

Holiday gift ideas for her:

1-3 months (\$15-25 range)

- * Box of Godiva Chocolate truffles
- * Flowers (roses, tulips or lilies are always a good pick)
- * Movie tickets/ cheap concert tickets
- * Scented candles or body products from Victoria's Secret

3-6 Months (\$25-50 range)

- * Gift certificate for a manicure/ pedicure/ massage
- * A season of "Sex & the City" or her favorite T.V. show

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- * An IPOD
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Humor

What do you people want from me?



CHAD BUSCH/STATESMAN

By Eric Simon
Statesman Staff Writer

Dear Readers,

Here you are again. The new issue of *The Statesman* is out, hot off the press and you've chosen to read the humor page. Reader, I'm sorry, I've got some bad news for you. I'm not funny. That's what 1 out of 1 of my

wives say. That's 100 percent of the population thinking I'm not funny.

But, hey, what do you people want from me? It's not like I'm charging you money to read this crap. I don't come up to you once a week and say, "Hey, do something funny, and in return, I'll give you jack shit."

That's right I'm doing this out of the goodness of my heart, because I love seeing people smile and knowing I might have had something to do with it. (Not to mention *The Statesman* pays pretty well.) No dear reader the money had nothing to do with it.

I quote Joe Pesci from the movie "Goodfellas," "What, am I some sort of clown for your amusement?"

I'm not a clown. In fact, I have relatively small feet,

and you know what that means... small shoes. Yeah, I know what you were thinking, but I'm not going there, pervert.



CHAD BUSCH/STATESMAN

I got this tattoo when I was 18 because I thought it was funny. Does it amuse you reader? Huh? Does it?

Hey, I recently found out from "Dateline" on NBC, Albert Einstein's parents were cousins. Makes you wonder about his "Everything's relative" theory...

Was that funny? Huh? Did you like that reader?

Let's face it at this point in the semester my brain is pretty damn fried. Look at my last story, the fake interview with Barbara Walters. Brain power has got to be wearing thin when you come up with that idea and find it amusing. So I'm sorry dear reader, I've failed you.

Or how about the time I pretended I was a paranoid lawn gnome? True that's off the wall and zany but who in their right mind would want to publish that in a prestigious newspaper with his name attached to it.

I'll probably be at a job

interview some day when my potential employer says, "Well, we were going to hire you, but we don't want to be affiliated with anyone who, at one point, believed himself to be a paranoid lawn gnome. That's just weird."

If you want to send me an angry e-mail about how most of my ideas were as funny as "Family Circus," which has never been funny, but I read it every day anyway figuring he has to make a mistake and be funny once in awhile, then go ahead and send the e-mail, and we'll set up a time, so you can throw raw eggs at me.

That should entertain you for a while. And that, dear reader, is my mission.

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Gentleman, start drinking

By Tyler Domaas
Statesman Staff Writer

Well fellow college peers, the time has finally come. According to new research, it turns out that consuming large amounts of alcohol is actually healthy for you.

Consider this, we have billions of brain cells. Within all these brain cells, there are smart cells, dumb cells, lazy cells, cool cells, etc. Drinking kills brain cells. One would assume drinking and killing your brain cells

would be a bad thing. But it's not.

A recent study found that the brain cells that are killed off are the weaker ones, leaving you with your strongest cells. It's the survival of the fittest theory.

When one is drunk, he slurs his speech, his vision doubles and he makes poor decisions. Well we have just been misreading the signals.

The slurring actually happens because the brain doesn't see this as the most

efficient way of speaking. Combining words together saves time.

The seeing double or triple is actually a great enhancement for the body. It can take more in, thus increasing reaction times.

As for poor decision making, I'd try not to worry about it. We're young, it happens.

So when you feel mentally down, there's only one thing to do... cheers.

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TOPTEN

Celebrities I Want To Kick In The Face

By Amy Forsell
Statesman Staff Writer

10. Kid Rock, because he's what happens if you put Eminem and the Blue Collar Comedy guys into a blender.
9. Owen Wilson, because then his face would be even more crumpled and strange.
8. Rosie O'Donnell, because then she'd actually have something worthwhile to publicly whine about.
7. Tom Cruise, because he believes in scientology which may or may not have something to do with aliens.
6. Kristin Cavallari, because she exists.
5. The guy who sells OxyClean, because I'm sick of him yelling at me every time I try to watch my shows.
4. Donald Trump, to see his hair move, finally.
3. Fergie, because I'm hella jealous that I'm not nearly as fergalicious as she is.
2. Britney Spears, to see if she ducks.
1. Michael Richards, because he's twice as racist as Mel Gibson and half as good looking.

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puzzles

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Hurry
4 Civil Rights Commission (abbr.)
7 Egg (pref.)
10 Andes' cold higher region
11 Pronoun
12 "Lorna Doone" character
14 Gushing
16 Machine gun
17 Flying saucer
18 Body of water
20 Equal Rights Amendment (abbr.)
21 Afr. eye-worm
22 Sound of a bell
24 Song of praise
27 Evolve
30 Anatomy (abbr.)
31 Temporary fashion
32 Alb (arch.)
33 Jewish month
35 Caucasus

people

- 36 Nipple
37 Fluidity unit
38 Compass direction
40 Portable chair
42 Question starter
45 Killer of Abel
47 Castile (2 words)
49 Fire (pref.)
50 Rubber tree
51 Health Opportunity for People Everywhere (abbr.)
52 Soft drink
53 Repose
54 Teacher of Samuel

DOWN

- 1 Fit of sulks
2 Information (abbr.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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5 Dream (Fr.)
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8 Yolk of an egg
9 Polish border river
10 Little (Fr.)
13 Recombinant letters
15 Shortly
19 Month abbr.
21 Machine tool
23 Rent
24 Exclamation
25 Donkey (Fr.)
26 Eurus (2 words)
27 Israelite tribe
28 Laconian clan group
29 Favorite
31 Dire
34 Blood (pref.)
35 Without (Ger.)
37 Hindu queen
38 School course (abbr.)
39 Scand. legend
41 Port. Timor's capital
42 Fleece
43 Egypt. genie
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Outdoors

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Student guides lead through land and water

By Karin Gelschus
Statesman Staff Reporter

From the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) to the desert country in Utah, UMD student guides take students on camping trips all over the country.

Being in the outdoors and experiencing different places is a key reason many of the student guides do what they do. It's also to share that experience with others, which is one of senior and president of the kayak and canoe club Scott Ewen's favorite parts about being a guide.

"I care a lot about the outdoors; it's a huge satisfaction; it's so beautiful," he said. "I like showing other people that beauty and getting them to experience it too."

It's not about the actual skills it takes to guide trips; it's about teaching and learning the value of the wilderness, said Ken Gilbertson professor and founder of the outdoor program.

Ewen is majoring in electrical and computer engineering but enjoys being a guide to have two separate worlds—indoor and outdoor. Sophomore and student guide Nicole Vander Heiden wants to make a career in the outdoor world, which is why she's double majoring in outdoor rec and environmental studies.

"I started out in girl scouts doing one trip," she said. "When I came here (UMD), I got more into it."

Most of the time student guides take trips within the Midwest, which can be the most fun. Ewen said his favorite place to camp by far is the BWCAW.

"I've done it quite a few times in all four seasons," he said.

Fifth year senior student guide Emily Gustafson also took some students up to the BWCAW but further up near the border by International Falls. Another popular spot students like to go is the Porcupine Mountains in Michigan, which was one

of Vander Heiden's most fun trips, she said. Some trips like the Porcupine Mountains, the trips that students really enjoy, do repeat themselves, Gustafson said, but there are new ones nearly every year.

"There are new trips that come with new leaders because people have different ideas, which makes it interesting," she said.

Depending on the type of trip, leaders often take around 10 students, any more than that and organization would diminish, Bates said.

The largest group Ewen ever took was a crew of 18 to canoe down the Namekagon river in Wisconsin, which included two chaperones, 13 students and three leaders. The next largest he took was a group of 12 to the Porcupine Mountains.

Anyone can become a guide, according to Bates. Interest is the first step and skills come second, but he or she needs to take the initiative and become efficient in whatever type of trip they want to do whether that be hiking, canoeing, rafting or something else.

"There is no formal test," he said. "We can see who is proficient with what skills."

People can gain experience through classes or personal trips, Gustafson said. The easiest way to do it is to start shadowing trips, according to Ewen. The outdoor program allows students to shadow trips when they've shown interest in becoming a guide.



LUKE KAVAJECZ/STATESMAN

Canoeing through pristine waters is one type of adventure student guides take.

UMD's outdoor program has been around for more than 25 years, according to Gilbertson. Currently, there are four full time staff and about 20 volunteer students, which meet every other Tuesday to discuss upcoming trips and ideas for future trips. It's been a success from the beginning with faculty and students always trying to improve it, according to Bates.

Most, if not all of the student guides say that the program has been beneficial to them. Ewen said he will continue to lead his friends on trips after graduation but will do it in an unstructured environment.

"The outdoor program is good at making (students) into leaders and teachers," he said.

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Go fly an RSOP snow kite and ride the wind

By Aaron Giannobile
Statesman Staff Reporter

UMD students gathered on the softball field Monday to learn the basics of the adventure-seeking sport of snow kiting offered through UMD's Recreational Sports Outdoor Program (RSOP).

The infamous cold, winter winds of Lake Superior are helping blaze a trail for the sport that uses kites to harness wind power and propel riders across frozen lakes on skis, snowboards and even ice skates when snow cover is minimal. Snow kiting is a young sport and is growing fast, according to Randy Carlson, who heads the sport at UMD. He said he expects participation to double that

of last year.

It started roughly five years ago in Europe and is already making its third-year appearance at UMD this winter.

"The concept of kiting and using wind goes beyond just the adventure sport," said Carlson. "It's fun to teach people about natural forces."

Students start off piloting kites that are about one third of the size of the kites they will be using out on the frozen lakes and learn the basics of control in the wind. They stand under the kites and dance them in figure eights in a cold wind that whips snow across the field.

"There's a strong pull on it," said freshman Courtney Kroska who was participating for an outdoors class.

"It's confusing at first but not too hard."

Junior Nick Patton joined the intro session and said he would like to apply the kiting technique to wakeboarding during the summer.

"It would be nice to go out without a boat and do it on my own," said Patton. "But you have to get the basics out of the way."

The snow kiting program at UMD is welcoming to beginners, according to Carlson. The program is designed to start with the basics and move up through the advanced stages. As a rider's skills progress, they can move into freestyle expression using jumps and rails or can actually go places and travel longer distances.

"Students can expect a safe, delib-

erate approach to snow kiting with a progression to lead them up to advanced levels," said Carlson. "You can take (the sport) wherever you want."

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JOURNEY JARGONS

January 22 - "China" - Rafters. Travel with Jane Maddy and her grandchildren through Beijing, Xian, Shang Hai and Hong Kong. This trip also included a three-day cruise on the Yangtze River: Jane's favorite city was Guilin, the "fantastic dreamland."

February 5 - "Africa" - Rafters. Sharon Kemp visited Northern Ghana in West Africa in 2004 to study native culture, especially concerning slavery past and present, and the peoples' behavior toward it. She witnessed spiritual ceremonies which have been performed for ages, some of which involved voodoo. **February 26 - "Umeå Sweden" - KPiz 311.** Mary Dragich lived in Umeå, Sweden for nine months. She and her

husband also spent time in Stockholm, Dalarna, and Lapland. Photographs will include the countryside, folk school, and architecture.

LECTURES

January 29 - "Merritt v. John D. Rockefeller" - Rafters. Grant Merritt, grandson of Alfred Merritt, co-discoverer of iron on the Mesabi Range, will relate a series of events that led to the Merritt's landmark lawsuit against John D. Rockefeller. In what is arguably the most sensational court case in St. Louis County, the Merritt brothers lost their case and surrendered their holdings in six mining and iron companies. Grant Merritt, a UMD graduate, is a Twin Cities attorney and the former head of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. **February 12 - "Twin Ports Television, the Early Years" - Rafters.** Robert "Bob" Ball is among the earliest anchormen in Twin Ports television. His recollections of the trial and error period, the struggles to overcome considerable technical difficulties and fumbling of management combine to make a fascinating account.

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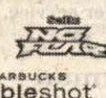
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Reselling sports and concert tickets online has become a multi-billion-dollar business for eBay, StubHub and other middlemen. Now the concert and sports industry—and Ticketmaster, which sells the majority of seats—are fighting to take back some of that money.

Ticketmaster is overhauling the way it sells tickets, embracing new methods that it long shunned. It is now running auctions to sell seats for roughly 30% of this year's major music tours—including Pink Floyd's Roger Waters, Madonna, B.B. King and Melissa Etheridge. Ticketmaster also is letting customers resell some seats at its Web site. Since that lets fans sell tickets far above face value, Ticketmaster has joined the fight against state antiscaling laws, reversing its earlier position.

Concert promoters, performers and sports teams stand to win if the new methods at Ticketmaster reduce scalper sales and return proceeds to their own coffers.

Summer Air Travel Wasn't So Bad

It may have been scant comfort when you were squished in a middle seat or bumped from a flight, but airline operations this summer held up relatively well. More than 75% of flights arrived on time.

That's better than last year. Still, more people were bumped from overbooked flights and in June complaints about surly customer service soared 82%, the Department of Transportation said.

Bottom line: Things went better in the air than on the ground.

With skyrocketing fuel prices, airfares up and planes packed, some industry watchers were predicting a horrendous summer travel season. But new data show that airlines generally were able to handle the increased traffic and most flights left on time. Still, travelers did face hassles, such as new security rules following the revelation of an alleged plot to blow up trans-Atlantic flights, and complaints of poor customer service.

Scandal at H-P Topples Chairman

Hewlett-Packard said Chief Executive Mark Hurd will take over as chairman in January, replacing Patricia Dunn, who came under fire for the tactics used to investi-

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gate H-P boardroom leaks.

Ms. Dunn, who will remain a director, apologized for the techniques used in the probe requested by her in 2005. Private investigators impersonated board members and nine journalists to acquire their private phone records.

"Unfortunately, the investigation, which was conducted with third parties, included certain inappropriate techniques. These went beyond what we understood them to be, and I apologize that they were employed," Ms. Dunn said.

The Justice Department has joined a probe of the matter. Separately, a House committee said it is seeking information from H-P including the identity of private investigators that the company has said it used in the investigation.

Companies Design College Curricula

A fast-moving, competitive economy is creating a new phenomenon at colleges and universities: courses supported by, and tailored for, potential employers.

Graduate students at North Carolina State University, for example, recently began a course called Services Management, taught by a manager from IBM.

Other major corporations seeking to increase their presence on campus include Credit Suisse and BMW. But none has approached the involvement of IBM, which has been drilling its priorities into graduate and professional schools to help ease its transformation from a manufacturer of hardware and software to a provider of consulting and support services. At a recent workshop in Washington, D.C., IBM showcased related efforts under way at Arizona State University and University of California at Berkeley.

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Big Banks on Campus

Firms Dangle iPods And Plane Tickets; Worries Over Debt

BY JANE J. KIM

Students aren't the only ones headed back to school.

Financial institutions are swarming over college campuses, pushing promotions and free gifts to entice students to sign up for new bank accounts, credit cards and insurance policies. For many banks, students are one of the fastest growing business segments. Moreover, their research shows that a young adult who opens an account often remains a loyal customer for many years to come.

Consequently, banks' campus handouts are a far cry from the free-pen-and-T-shirt fare they have traditionally given to new student customers. For opening a new checking account, KeyBank is giving away a free iPod shuffle music player, and Chase is offering a dozen 12-packs of Coca-Cola. Bank of America will pay \$50 to students who open accounts online, and Sovereign Bank is dangling free airline tickets.

Banks also are expanding their physical presence on campuses. Citibank, which launched a student Web site last month, is visiting about 200 campuses this year—double the number of prior years. Chase has stepped up its school visits this year by about 30% from last year. The bank recently cre-

Student Accounts

Financial institutions are wooing students with an array of perks and freebies. Here are a few of their offerings:

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ated a new marketing position to focus exclusively on college and high-school kids.

Some insurers also are beginning to focus on students. State Farm has kicked off a marketing campaign aimed at teaching young adults about auto and renters insurance. This summer the company began sponsoring rock concerts in college communities.

The targeting of students comes as young people are using more financial products at an earlier age. A savings account was long the extent of most new college students' financial holdings. Now,

nearly a third of students who start college already have a credit card—roughly a 50% increase over the past five years, says Robert Hammer, an industry consultant. By the time they turn seniors, three-quarters of students are now packing plastic.

"Young adults tend to be very loyal to their first card," says Ed Stolbof, senior vice president of marketing for Discover Financial Services. "It's really important to get to card members as soon as we can in their credit cycle."

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Is Bud.TV Their Idea of Subtle?

By SUZANNE VRANICA

Can the king of beers become the king of entertainment?

In one of the most ambitious forays onto the Internet by a marketer, Anheuser-Busch plans to start an online entertainment network aimed at beer-drinking young men who are spending more of their time on the Web.

Bud.TV, expected to go live in February, will include at least seven types of programming, including sports, stand-up comedy acts and programs that will aim to be TV-quality, ranging in length from several minutes to a half hour. Most of the shows will have an interactive component.

The venture is the latest move

by a marketer to create entertainment designed to subtly promote their products. While Anheuser-Busch says it will not litter Bud.TV with ads for its beer, it will make sure consumers understand who is responsible for the entertainment. Aside from the site name, Busch brands are likely to make appearances in some of the shows. Moreover, a few of the channels will be very product-centric. One section dubbed "Bud Tube" lets consumers create their own beer ads.

Anheuser-Busch's decision to provide a whole online network reflects its recognition that its target audience of young men—often difficult to reach on television and in other media—now looks to the Web for much of their entertainment. The brewer says it plans to spend

"double-digit" millions of dollars on the online push, with some of the money coming from its network and cable-TV broadcast ad budgets.

One series in the works, "Replaced by a Chimp," shows what happens when a chimp replaces a human in the workplace. The company says it is also working with a Hollywood studio to craft an online "Dating Game" show that will begin casting calls in November.

The Web site is likely to raise eyebrows from advocacy groups that keep a watch of alcohol industry ad practices. The brewer says it will try to limit complaints by continuing to ask consumers to enter their birth dates, as a way to verify their ages. Still, the company does expect some backlash.

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have tried to limit the influence that financial institutions have on campus out of concern that the heightened marketing activity may contribute to students leaving school burdened by student loans and credit-card debt. A handful of states, including New York and Illinois, have passed laws restricting the marketing of credit cards on campuses and several other states have proposed similar legislation this year, the National Conference of State Legislatures says.

"When you have the gifts associated with a checking account or a credit card, it shortcuts the students' thought process on whether they're making the best decision" about that product, says Ken McEl-downey, executive director of the Consumer Action advocacy group.

For students signing up for new accounts, it's important to understand the contract terms to avoid getting hit with extra charges. Although many of the student checking accounts have no monthly fees or minimum balance requirements, for instance, students may have to sign up for certain services, such as enrolling for online statements, or other products in order to qualify.

Some banks have additional enticements. Wachovia and Bank of America offer to waive the first overdraft or bounced check fee. Others, including KeyBank, will reimburse a certain number of fees for using ATMs outside of the banks' networks. Some insurers, including State Farm and Allstate, will provide discounts on auto insurance premiums for students get-

ting good grades.

And, since parents often influence where their kids bank, firms are offering incentives if both have accounts at the same bank. Under Wachovia's "College Connections" program, students get 12 free out-of-network ATM transactions each month if their checking account is linked to a parent's account at the bank.

Students shopping for a credit card should get one with a low credit limit so they don't overspend. They also should ask to have their names taken off any lists that could be sold to vendors in order to prevent solicitations from other banks and credit cards.

USAA offers a credit card that starts with a \$500 limit for freshmen that gradually increases with each grade level.

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Critics worry about companies tailoring classes for their benefit. "This is a breach of academic integrity," says Jennifer Washburn, a fellow at the New America Foundation and author of "University Inc.," a 2005 book critical of corporate influence on education.

IBM is a big employer of NC State graduates, says Ira Weiss, dean of the school's College of Management. That, he says, is a top reason the university was eager to work with IBM to develop a curriculum in service sciences. The school says it was careful to make the content broad enough so it could be applicable to students going to work at other companies, too.

IBM says the curriculum can help students whether or not they go to work for the company.

Facebook Retools Privacy Features

Facebook is adding a privacy option that lets users decide how much personal information to share via two controversial new features called news feed and mini-feed.

The features let users easily track, say, whether a fellow user made a new friend or broke off a relationship. They have spurred a backlash among hundreds of thousands of Facebook's nine million-plus users, who complain that the features violate their privacy.

The new privacy option lets users decide which pieces of information the Web site should make accessible through the feeds.

Amazon, Apple Go to the Movies

Amazon.com launched a new service offering downloads of thousands of movies and TV shows. Amazon Unbox, available at Amazon.com/Unbox, prices movies typically from \$7.99 to \$14.99. Renting is an option, at \$3.99 for new releases. New and old television shows are available for \$1.99 each.

Apple announced a deal with Disney to offer movies for sale over the Internet, and unveiled a device called iTV that will display movies and TV shows bought over the Internet on television sets; iTV will sell for \$299 starting early next year. While companies for years have tried to provide technology for moving online content onto TV screens, many believe Apple's track record with the iPod and iTunes Music Store could give iTV a better shot at success.

Odds & Ends

Falling oil prices could help spur consumer spending while easing inflation pressure.

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Marin and Elin Holmlov.

This weekend the Bulldogs will take on Ohio State (10-5-1) in a conference series at home.

"We need to win these games, bottom line," said senior defenseman Ashly Waggoner. "These games are not going to be easy; it's going to be a battle out there."

Senior defenseman Suvi Vacker also recognizes the games' significance.

"Every win from now on is very important for the conference and national ranking, as well as for ourselves," said Vacker. "We need both wins."

The Bulldogs have a plan to succeed for this weekend.

"Our focus this week is discipline," said Waggoner. "As long as we focus on ourselves and don't worry about our opponent, that's when we tend to bring our A game."

The Bulldogs hit the ice Friday at 7:07 p.m. and Saturday at 3:07 p.m. at the DECC.

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Men's Basketball

The Bulldog men were swept this weekend losing both their games in Pueblo, Colorado's Chuck Stevens Memorial Classic.

UMD kept it close through most of the game on Friday eventually falling 80-78 to the host Colorado State University - Pueblo (CSUP) Thunderwolves.

The game was tied at 78 with 1.5 seconds left when the Thunderwolves' forward Jake Trahern drained his last second shot to give them the two point victory.

The Bulldogs got a solid performance from Jordan Nuness who put up 22 points in the losing effort.

UMD played another hard fought, close game on Saturday but lost again, this time to the Regis Rangers.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 35-32 first half lead but squandered it in the second half, losing 67-61.

Nuness had another nice performance, once again leading the team in scoring with 19 points.

The Rangers' Brandon Butler dominated the Bulldogs for most of the game posting a

season high 33 points to lead Regis.

These two losses were the first road losses of the year for UMD.

The Bulldogs return home this week with a 5-3 record to take on Northland College Dec. 5 at 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team had much better results this weekend going 2-0.

The Bulldogs cruised to an easy 80-55 victory over the New Mexico Highlands Cowgirls on Friday night.

UMD dominated every aspect of the game including a 46-25 advantage in the rebounding game.

Every Bulldog player saw some action in the game, but Katie Winkelman and Jordanne Even led the way with 16 points each.

Their next game was much closer on Saturday, but UMD again came away with a win defeating CSUP 69-65.

The Bulldogs again dominated the glass out-rebounding the Thunderwolves 37-22, and forced 20 turnovers en route to their 5th straight victory.

Winkelman was the Bulldog leader once again, recording 18 points and 14 rebounds for her first double-double of the season.

UMD improved to 5-2 with the victory and will travel to Winona on Wednesday to take on the Winona State Warriors at 7 p.m.

Men's Hockey

The Bulldogs split a series with the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) this past weekend.

On Friday, the Bulldogs scored first with a goal by

Mike Curry. UAA answered back with two goals to leave the final score 2-1.

On Saturday night, the Bulldogs showed an enormous amount of offense with a final score of 7-4.

All seven goals came from different players.

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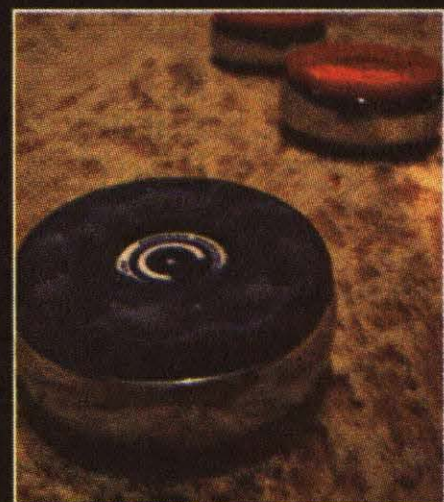
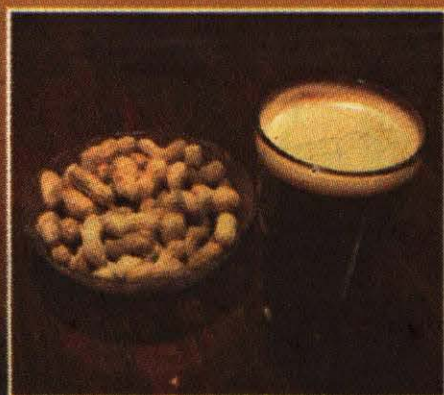
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FANTASY FOOTBALL

PLAYOFFS

By Adan Pachon Mueller
Statesman Staff Reporter

Week 14 of the NFL season has arrived and that means it's time for Fantasy Football Playoffs.

For the lucky ones who are still in contention, the following three weeks will decide your league's champion.

As most fantasy owners know, the key to winning your league is creating a team which will get "hot" come playoff time.

Here is a list of players who are primed to carry your fantasy team through this year's playoffs.

QUARTERBACK:

Tony Romo

Upcoming games:
New Orleans @ Dallas
Dallas @ Atlanta
Philadelphia @ Dallas

The man responsible for bringing the Cowboys from the doghouse to the penthouse, Tony Romo has already drawn comparisons to some of the games' greatest passers.

Not only that, but Romo has proven that he belongs among the leagues' elite fantasy quarterbacks.

In his seven starts, Romo has thrown for 1,913 yards, 13 TDs compared to seven interceptions.

Over the next three weeks, Romo faces New Orleans and Philadelphia at home and an Atlanta team which ranks second to last in the league in passing defense.

It's not unreasonable to expect Romo to average 250+ yards and 2 TDs during this stretch.

Romo has a one of the best receiving scores in the NFL and a rushing game which takes pressure off the young quarterback.

Those who picked up Romo after he was named to the starting lineup should enjoy riding Romo's coattails all the way to your fantasy title.

RUNNING BACK:

Frank Gore

Upcoming games:
Green Bay @ San Francisco
San Francisco @ Seattle
Arizona @ San Francisco

Over the years, we have seen the success of fantasy teams in the playoffs depend greatly on the performance of their running back.

While players like Ladanian Tomlinson and Larry Johnson are obvious picks and should continue to dominate, Frank Gore has a fantastic fantasy playoff schedule over the next three weeks.

In week 14, Gore faces off against a Green Bay defense which allowed 178 rushing yards and 3 rushing TDs last week against the mediocre runners of the New York Jets.

In week 15, Gore faces a Seattle defense in which he rushed for 212 yards against in week 11. And in week 16, which is the championship for most fantasy leagues, he faces a 21st ranked Arizona defense in which Gore scored 2 TDs against in week one.

If that isn't enough, Gore is third in the league in rushing yards and averages a 5.5 yard per carry average in 2006.

If the fantasy championship follows the running back, those with Gore should feel confident going into the next few weeks.

WIDE RECEIVER/ TIGHT END:

Darrell Jackson

Upcoming games:
Seattle @ Arizona
San Francisco @ Seattle
San Diego @ Seattle

Jackson is currently ranked #2 among fantasy wideouts, and comes into the fantasy playoffs as one of the hottest players in the league.

Jackson comes into week 14 scoring a touchdown in six of his past eight games, and faces off against an Arizona Cardinals team in which he torched for 127 yards and a touchdown in week two.

Jackson also faces off against the San Francisco 49ers in week 15, a team which has allowed 20 receiving touchdowns this season (28th in the league).

Seattle has also welcomed back last season's MVP Shaun Alexander and some members of the offensive line.

With Seattle's tight end Jerramy Stevens dropping every other pass, Matt Hasselbeck will continue to lock onto Jackson over the following weeks.

Expect Jackson to continue his play and bring fantasy teams closer to the championship.

SLEEPER:

Ladell Betts

Upcoming games:
Philadelphia @ Washington
Washington @ New Orleans
Washington @ St. Louis

If you were one of the fortunate owners to jump on Betts when Clinton Portis went down with a shoulder injury in week 10, the move is starting to pay off.

After a rough first start against Tampa Bay, Betts has now put up back to back 100-yard games, including a 173-yard and 1 TD performance against the Falcons last week.

Washington has chosen to view this season as a "rebuilding" year, and they will continue to give Betts plenty of rushing attempts to take pressure off their new, inexperienced QB Jason Campbell.

In the next three weeks, Betts faces off against the 28th, 26th and 20th-ranked run defenses.

If Betts needs any more motivation, he is working with management on a new contract as he tries to prove that he can carry the load on a week to week basis in the future.

Look for Betts to stay hot and help carry your fantasy team to the title.

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choked worse than Peyton Manning in the post season.

The Timberwolves had their best team ever in the 2003-2004 season when Sam Cassell and Latrell Sprewell were added to the team. The Wolves finished with the first seed in the playoffs, and even made it to the Western Conference Finals, only to lose to the Lakers in six games.

The Wild are a fairly new team, so I'm not going to pick on them, after all, they're only six years old.

They did make their way into the playoffs in their third season and came up with some pretty impressive comebacks. The Wild decided to follow the same path that many Minnesota

professional teams have done recently; they make it far but fall short of the championship.

The Wild ended up getting swept in the Conference Finals by the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim.

However, the team that started professional hockey in Minnesota, the North Stars, failed to ever bring Minnesota a championship in their 26-year stint until moving to Dallas. As the Dallas Stars they eventually took home a Stanley Cup in 1999, just six years after the move from Minnesota.

So why do we keep watching Minnesota sports?

The Vikings can't pass or catch.

The Twins can't seem to take their regular season success with them into the playoffs.

The Timberwolves have Kevin McHale as their Gen-

eral Manager, who can't seem to bring in anyone to support the backbone of the Wolves, Kevin Garnett. McHale thought an aging Sam Cassell could alleviate some of the pressure off Garnett. It didn't.

The Wolves then gave up a first round pick for Marco Jaric instead of bringing in a fresh rookie who they could sculpt and mold into the player that the Timberwolves needed. Let's not even mention Latrell Sprewell's presence last season or the lack thereof.

We constantly put ourselves through heartbreaking season after heartbreaking season.

We get obsessed over the possibilities of what could have been. We think about things like: "What if Denny Green didn't decide to take a knee in the fourth quarter of the '98 NFC cham-

pionship game?" "Should the Timberwolves have fired Flip Saunders?" "If Francisco Liriano wouldn't have gotten hurt, would the Twins have won the World Series?"

These thoughts will never help Minnesota get over this hump of sports mediocrity. Sports fans can't beat themselves up over lost opportunities. That would turn us into the new Boston Red Sox fans, only instead of obsessing over Bill Buckner, we obsess over Gary Anderson.

Sports are constantly changing. Three years ago the Vikings had one of the most potent offenses in the NFL but an awful defense. This year they have the number one ranked run defense and no offense to be found.

The Twins used to have very strong starting pitch-

ing and an even stronger bullpen, but not a single person who could hit 30 home runs. This year there were more holes in the starting pitching rotation than Swiss cheese, but they had two players hit 30 home runs.

Minnesota teams seemed designed to fail or to come up just short of making it to the big show. It's a disappointing trend that could lead a lesser state to insanity (New York).

Unless we want to ride on an out-of-state bandwagon for another team for as long as their ride will last, there isn't much hope to see any of our hometown teams making it to a championship anytime soon.

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tral Conference (NCC) in scoring with 18.3 points per game with an impressive 54.5 percent shooting from three-point range (30-55). Foss is third with 17.4 ppg. as well as being second in rebounding with eight rebounds per game.

The defensive end of the ball is where the Bulldogs need to improve on. During a 1-3 stretch over their last four games the Bulldogs have allowed an average of 76 points per game.

"We need to work on our defense; we gave up too many easy baskets last weekend," said Foss.

To get to the postseason, the Bulldogs know that they need to play well in non-conference but also to finish in the top half of the NCC conference. The close losses in Colorado showed that the Bulldogs still have a lot of work to do.

"We're not as good as we thought we were," said Nuness after the two close games in Colorado. "We have to keep improving each day at practice and piece it together on defense."

The Bulldogs seemed to have put some of the pieces together on Tuesday night in their blowout over Northland College (NC).

The Bulldogs were able to hold NC to 13 points in the first half. The Bulldogs were almost able to double NC with a final score of 88-46.

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SPORTS

Thursday, December 7, 2006

Strong offensive play pays off

By Jim Salmela
Statesman Staff Reporter

After a shaky series in Colorado, the men's basketball team looks to improve their 6-3 record heading into a four-game home stand.

Last weekend the Bulldogs suffered a setback in the Colorado State-Pueblo Classic where the Bulldogs suffered two close losses to Colorado State-Pueblo and Regis University (RU) where each game was officiated tightly.

"We needed to adjust accordingly to the different region," said UMD head coach Gary Holquist about how the games were officiated in the Colorado State-Pueblo Classic. "We're a strong physical team; we needed to make adjustments, which we didn't do well."

The Bulldogs lost 80-78 in the last seconds last Friday to Colorado State-Pueblo as forward Jake Trahern hit a baseline jumper in the closing seconds. On Saturday, the Bulldogs lost 67-61 getting outscored 10-1 in the final four minutes against RU.

"We lost a couple of games we should've won," said junior guard Jordan Nuness. "We have to learn to fight through adversity with the refs. We were still up by four or five

points (against RU) and let it slip away."

The Bulldogs can still make a statement against their former Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) foes Minnesota State-Moorhead, defending division II national champions Winona State and Minnesota-Crookston all at Romano Gym.

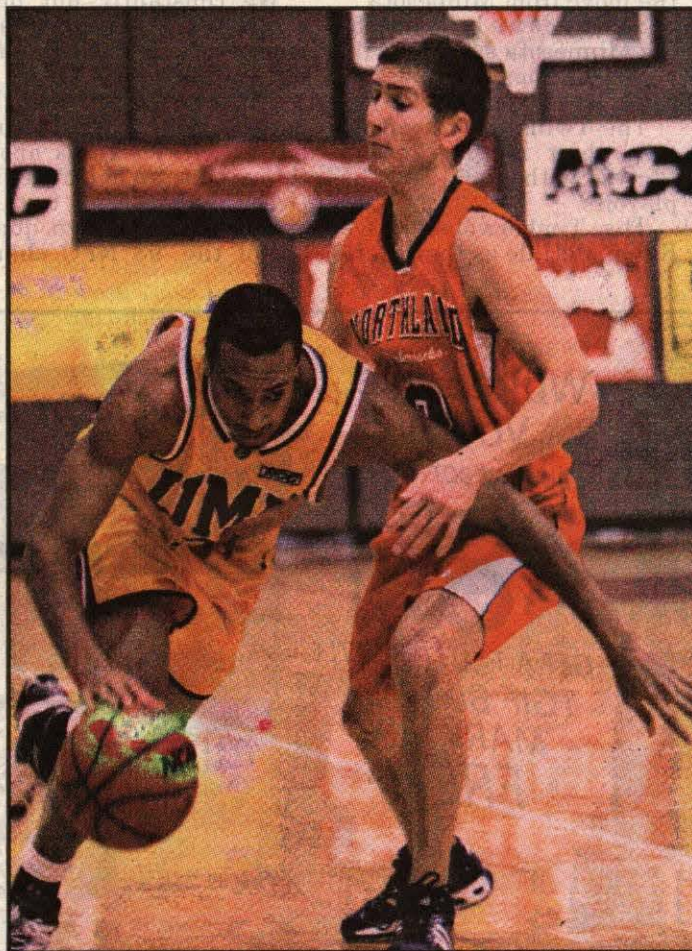
"December lays the ground work for what is to come," said Holquist. "We got our next four at home, and we can establish some momentum."

The Bulldogs have experience on their side. Starting three seniors: guard Ryan Breidenbach, forward Bryan Foss and center Matt Rawley as well as senior forward Matt Hockett playing key minutes off the bench. The other starters are junior guard Jordan Nuness and junior forward John Vaudreuil.

"We have a lot more leadership," said Foss. "The four seniors and the juniors on the team experienced two bad seasons with bad outcomes. We need to take each game step by step."

The Bulldogs offensive attack has been stellar so far. The Bulldogs have scored over 60 points in every game this season led by Foss and Nuness. Nuness leads the

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Jordan Nuness (left) drives past a Northland College defender on Tuesday. Nuness scored 10 points, six came from beyond the arc.

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Bulldogs look to sweep Ohio in home series

By Charlene Hudalla
Statesman Staff Reporter

There's no doubt the UMD's women's hockey team is something to talk about, considering their past and present seasons.

Falling short of the Frozen Four last year, the Bulldogs began the season with eight straight wins but lately have been struggling.

All eight wins were conference games, which included Minnesota State, North Dakota, Bemidji State and St. Cloud State.

The Bulldogs' current record is 9-6-1 overall, with two very important conference games this weekend against Ohio State.

The Bulldogs' winning streak came to a halt when they lost a series against No. 2 ranked Minnesota-Twin Cities in an away conference series.

An away series against No. 1 ranked University of Wisconsin-Madison Badgers proved to be rewarding when UMD won one game out of the series. In their win against the Badgers, the Bulldogs managed to break a 26-game unbeaten streak for the Badgers.

Recently the Bulldogs lost a non-conference series to Harvard.

The Bulldogs are in the top four of their conference, looking at that one must ask, why the recent absence of wins lately?

"I think we have been playing good, just not good enough to beat the opponent," said senior forward Noemie Marin. "We are learning a lot and can only get stronger and smarter as the season goes on."

The team is full of strong players.

Freshman goaltender Kim Martin is holding up a .946 save percentage. Senior forward Jessica Koizumi currently leads UMD in points with 12 goals and 8 assists. Other point leaders on the team are

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No pro dynasties in over a decade

By Jesse Murray
Statesman Staff Reporter

Can you name the last time a professional sports team from Minnesota won a national championship?

How about in 1987 or 1991 when the Twins won the World Series twice in less than five years?

Ok, now try to remember the last time a professional team from Minnesota played in a national championship game? Unless you can stump Schwab, this should be a pretty difficult task.

To go back to a championship before the 1987 World Series, one must think back to the Minneapolis Lakers in

1954, who won the NBA Championship five times from 1949 to 1954.

In 1970, the Vikings won the NFL Championship, the year the National Football League and American Football League merged, which means that it didn't count as a national championship.

Since 1991, all Minnesotans have had little to be proud of in our professional sports teams.

The 1998 Vikings were great... until that kick, you all know which one I'm talking about, I'm sure none of us want to relive it.

But for those of you who don't remember, it was when Gary Ander-

son had the best season of his career. Anderson went 35 for 35 on field goal attempts before post-season play, his only perfect season in his 22-year career.

In the NFC Championship game, Anderson was set to win the game with a field goal to put the Vikings in the Super Bowl. Anderson's kick went wide, and the Vikings were beat in overtime, making them the first team in NFL history to go 15-1 and not reach the Super Bowl.

The past five years have shown Minnesota some very successful Twins teams. However, these teams have